

THE TIMES Tomorrow

Canvassing change A Conservative MP makes a case for the anti-politician. Changing canvas On holiday, House Man turns into Tent Man and becomes a new man. Looking forward



Spectrum observes Sir Bernard Lovell at 70, the man who created Jodrell Bank. Slipping back In its attempt to sell off the state's oil interests, the Government is slipping behind in its entire privatization programme.

40,000 US targets in Russia

The United States has identified 40,000 possible targets for nuclear attacks in the Soviet Union, compared with 2,600 in 1960 and 25,000 in 1974, according to a study by the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Soft approach to union reform

Union leaders have drawn up a composite motion for next month's TUC conference recommending reasoned discussions to persuade the Government to drop its planned labour law reforms.

Nott admission

A Falklands-type operation would not be possible in the 1990s, Sir John Nott, former Secretary of State for Defence, has acknowledged.

Falkland victim

Major Geoff Ward, aged 36, had a leg amputated below the knee after stepping on a mine left by Argentine troops in the Falkland Islands.

Scientists meet

Reports on the Brighton conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science appear on page 4.

Shares slump

Shares fell heavily yesterday, with the FT index down by 16.4 to 724, wiping out all the gains achieved in the previous 10 days.

UDR man shot

A par-timer member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead by two gunmen on a motor cycle as he left work in Strabane.

Manila witness

A Japanese freelance journalist has said he saw Philippines military guards shoot Benigno Aquino in the head.

Middlesex slip

Middlesex failed to hold on to their lead in the county championship when they were bowled out by Somerset on a sticky wicket at Lord's.

Cram's triumph

Steve Cram, Britain's 1500 metres world champion, won an 800 metres race in 1min 43.61sec in Oslo last night. The time was the fastest in the world this year.

Treasury seeking more cuts to stop big tax rises

The Cabinet has been warned by the Treasury that unless it cuts its spending, particularly on defence, there will have to be large increases in personal taxation near the end of the decade. The warning is contained in a Treasury paper, prepared under conditions of extreme confidentiality, on the financing of public spending in the late 1980s and early 1990s. It is the first post-election assessment of the options open to the Government during its term of office and is expected to be discussed by the Cabinet when ministers return to Whitehall next month. The exercise has involved a thorough updating of earlier work which provided the basis for last year's controversial "think-tank" study on ways of cutting spending. It ranges much wider than the study of ways to finance the welfare state which the Prime Minister has already discussed. There is likely to be particular emphasis on the growing size of the defence budget if Britain tries to maintain its commitment to increase defence spending by 3 per cent a year beyond 1985-86, when present policy pledges run out. Cutting the defence budget, which has increased by 20 per cent since 1979, is thought to be essential if other spending departments are to be kept in check over the next decade. One small victory, already gained in Treasury discussions with the Ministry of Defence, is that the Treasury's Cabinet paper makes no allowance for higher levels of inflation in defence costs than the general increase in prices over the next decade. In the past the Defence Ministry has been able to claim that because its costs grew faster than other spending departments it should get more money. Fears about leaks are so intense that the spending departments have not been allowed to play a full part in the latest exercise, which has been carried out within the Treasury. The relevant ministries have been restricted to a limited role providing basic information about their plans. A determination not to repeat the fiasco of last year's "think tank" report, which generated such controversy when sprung on Cabinet that it had to be withdrawn, means that a limited exercise in guided public debate is likely. One idea being discussed is that industrial bodies such as the National Institute for Economic Research, the Institute of Economic Affairs and the Policy Studies Institute should take part in discussions on the long-term outlook for public spending. However, present plans do not involve giving them access to detailed estimates of how spending will grow over the years ahead. At the heart of the Government's problem is the fear that public spending as a share of the country's output could surge at the end of the decade. Two forces are expected to come together to produce this. One is the inexorable pressure of demand for better services and more spending on defence. The other is the continuing prospect of slow economic growth, caused more by pessimism about the world's performance than a feeling that Britain will lose ground compared to other countries. Taken together, these factors are thought to risk pushing up public spending as a share of output from about 44 per cent today to a significantly higher level by the early 1990s. It was only 41 per cent of output when the Conservatives took office in 1979. The Treasury paper was circulated just before most ministers went on holiday, and has not yet been discussed formally in Cabinet. It provides a warning of severe battles to come in the longer term over the whole course of public spending and gives extra edge to the immediate pressures facing ministers already trying to pare £600 million for spending plans for next year to bring them within target. The ripples from these efforts have already been seen in the form of disclosures about plans being considered to cut some of the benefits which are paid to the unemployed.

Labour's hard left to form new group

Labour's hard left is attempting to set up a national "joint command" of revolutionary and Trotskyist groupings, both inside and outside the party, for a coordinated campaign "to defeat the right". It was decided that 12 national "Coordinators or officers" should be elected to organize a "national Briefing editorial committee", which would invite "all national organizations of the left to appoint one voting delegate to its meetings." The national committee would also arrange a national conference, to be held next year, "to assess the progress made by the different sections of the radical left in overcoming this divisions and organizing together within the Briefing structure." The current edition of London Labour Briefing comments: "There is now an unprecedented recognition on the 'hard left' that while ideological pluralism and debate are essential, we can simply no longer afford to allow our differences to obstruct the maximum possible unity on all those issues on which we are agreed." "In the months that lie ahead, we must build a kind of 'joint command' for all our revolutionary and anti-capitalist tendencies and organizations in Britain which are serious in their determination to win the power to transform society." One experienced hard-left organizer commented last night that Briefing was evidently trying to recreate the Rank and File Mobilizing Committee (RFMC) set up in May, 1980, which so successfully organized the Labour constitutional campaign.



Mr Livingstone: Has supported Labour Briefing.

British Gas urged to raise prices

British Gas, which made profits of £1034m last year, was told yesterday that, having doubled its tariffs since 1979, it is still undercharging its customers by more than £500m a year. According to a report on the corporation's efficiency by the accountants Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, the state-owned corporation should have taken another £420m in revenue from its domestic customers last year, along with an extra £10m from industry and commerce. This means that the country's 15.3 million gas consumers - whose average annual bill is £227 - are paying £27 a year less than they should be. The reason is that while the corporation is easily covering the actual costs of supplying and distributing gas - hence its record profits - it is not adequately covering its so-called "marginal costs" - the price it is having to pay for expensive supplies from new North Sea gas fields. The report says the corporation should take this into account when working out its future pricing strategy, although it acknowledges that increases would have to be gradual. The 230-page report, commissioned jointly last year by the Government and the gas corporation, is certain to add to the furor that has already greeted British Gas's hints that it may put up domestic gas tariffs by 4 to 5 per cent this autumn. British Gas, which would only say yesterday that it is studying the report, has still not commented on the report.

Fears in West Germany

Why 1984 is on the cards simply a modern, forgery-proof version of the grey identity booklets that all Germans already carry. But many people, worried by the growing amount of personal information stored by computers, see dangerous implications. A tide of protest, fuelled by Der Spiegel, the Greens and other left-wing groups, has begun to roll across the country. They call the cards more dangerous than the proposed census, defeated earlier this year by data privacy champions who won an injunction from the constitutional court, and they say the technology of mass control that would accompany their introduction would make West Germany the first society, West or East, under total computer surveillance. Critics say the installations of thousands of fixed and mobile terminals connected to a police and intelligence services data bank would greatly increase the temptation of the police both to store more information on more people and to ask people to produce their cards more frequently. The police hope the use of the instant print-outs to catch the

Thousands cheer death sentences

Peking (AFP, AP) - Thirty criminals were sentenced to death at a mass rally attended by thousands of cheering spectators yesterday and later executed. The executions were part of a law-and-order campaign launched about 10 days ago. It was the largest group to be executed in Peking for several years. A notice posted at the Peking intermediate court, which imposed the death sentences, said that the 30 executed criminals included 19 accused of murder, 10 rapists and one car thief. One woman was among those executed. None was older than 35. The sentences were announced yesterday during a meeting of some 10,000 people at the Peking workers' gymnasium. Several who attended said that the condemned were afterwards taken to an execution ground near the capital. People condemned to death in China usually are executed with a single pistol shot to the back of the head, although occasionally firing squads are used.



The minstrel with a Palace all his own

Andrew Lloyd Webber, millionaire composer of the hit musicals Cats, Evita and Jesus Christ Superstar, yesterday achieved his life's ambition of owning a West End theatre, when he announced the acquisition from Sir Emile Littler of the Palace Theatre in London. Mr Lloyd Webber, pictured outside the Palace yesterday, paid £1.3m for it. Last year he made unsuccessful bids for the Aldwych Theatre and later the Old Vic, which was bought by Mr Ed Mirvish, a Canadian businessman, who nudged him by £50,000. The 1400-seat Palace, designed in 1891 for D'Oyly Carte as a home for English grand opera, has been the home of the Lloyd Webber musical, Song and Dance, since April last year. Jesus Christ Superstar was in occupation for eight years and two weeks, depositing The Sound of Music as the longest running musical in British theatre history. Sir Emile Littler, who was present at the Palace for yesterday's press conference, handed over control and management of the building after running it with great success for the last 37 years. He put on shows like Song of Norway and Lilac Time, Flower Drum Song and Finian's Rainbow.

Pakistan mobs spread chaos to more towns

From Michael Hamlyn, Karachi A mob of demonstrators at Qambar, near Larkana, the home town of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, last night swarmed through the streets of the town, burning and looting government offices, attacking a local jail house and freeing 47 prisoners. Estimated by local journalists as over 10,000 strong, the mob burnt a number of banks, an officers' mess, a press club, and a telephone exchange. Elsewhere in Sind several thousand demonstrators took to the streets again and the death toll in the nine-day campaign of civil disobedience rose still higher. President Zia Ul-Haq braved the Sind disturbances to make his first visit to Karachi since he announced his new constitutional procedures on August 12. Police opened fire on a rampaging mob in Kandikot near Jacobabad, about 330 miles north of here, close to the Baluchistan border. One person died according to official sources. According to the opposition, 60 to 70 people were injured in the firing. The protesters, calling for an end to the martial law regime of General Zia, set fire to the railway station, the city court buildings, the local land revenue office, and the fire brigade headquarters itself. Four local banks were ransacked and three of them set ablaze. The official death toll throughout the country rose to 18, but it is failing to keep up with all the deaths which are officially admitted. Sind government spokesmen have said that seven people died in Monday's outbreaks in Khairpur and Ranipur, but the officials total includes only three from those incidents. According to Mr Hassan Feroz, the convenor of the MRD (the eighty party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy) in Karachi, more than 60 people have died since the demonstrations first began last Sunday, the thirtieth anniversary of Pakistan's independence. He also said that between 14,000 and 15,000 people have been detained during the campaign which went ahead despite President Zia's promise to hold elections before March 23, 1985. The Government say that only just over 700 arrests have been made. But despite the wish of the organizers to broaden the



Dublin oil investors run into problems

By David Young, Energy Correspondent Amateur investors on the Dublin Stock Exchange who have indulged in too much speculation in oil could be heading for trouble. In the past month small investors have rushed into deals on the stock market in shares in the three companies that have holdings in oil exploration rights in the Celtic Sea. Speculation started in the wake of reports that oil had been found in commercial quantities by a consortium led by Gulf Oil of the United States and in which Atlantic Resources, an Irish company, has a third stake. Shares in Atlantic Resources rose from a low of 30p in March to 610p on the London Stock Exchange three weeks ago - prices in Dublin are quoted at higher rates because of the Irish pound's weakness against sterling - before settling for a few days at around 500p. However, in the past two days shares have fallen to 350p, wiping about £10m from the paper value of the company. Exactly who has been buying and selling shares on the Dublin and London stock markets in Atlantic Resources - and to a lesser extent Aran Energy and Bula oil exploration companies that have seen short term price rises - remains a matter of city confidentiality. But there is clear evidence that small investors in the Irish Republic and those whom the stock exchanges describe as "punters" have been buying shares. Gulf is carrying out reevaluation tests to confirm if previously reported flow rates of 6,000 barrels of oil a day from one well and combined rates of 10,000 barrels a day from the field are feasible. The head of Atlantic Resources is Dr Tony O'Reilly, who is chairman of the American-based Ireland Fund. He holds 1.85 million of the 14 million Atlantic Resources shares. The other big shareholder in Atlantic Resources with 1.1 million shares is Mr Suliman Olaya, a Saudi Arabian businessman.

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Falklands-type operation would be impossible in 1990s, Nott admits

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Sir John Nott, former Secretary of State for Defence, acknowledged yesterday that it would be impossible in the 1990s for Britain to carry out an operation similar to last year's recapture of the Falkland Islands.

But, the Ministry of Defence said that spending on the Falkland Islands and the Polaris and Trident programmes, was 15 per cent higher in real terms than when the Government took office in 1979.

Both statements were made in response to criticisms made on Monday by Captain John Moore in the new edition of *Jane's Fighting Ships*. Captain Moore referred to the "wholesale emasculation" of the Royal Navy and said that it lacked "the necessary balance for general maritime operations."

The main thrust of Captain Moore's criticisms were aimed at Sir John's defence policy review of June 1981.

In an interview on BBC radio, Sir John said that in his defence White Paper of 1981 he merely brought the defence budget back in line with Government spending targets.

"There were no financial cuts imposed in the defence review. The importance of the review

was to look ahead 10-15 years, knowing that we could not afford to keep the balanced naval power that everybody would like to see.

"The truth of the matter was that the navy was over-programmed and of course I had to cut back the forward plans because the plans were far too ambitious. All the services have to learn to live within the budget they are allocated."

Sir John added: "We must decide our priorities and if the Royal Navy will not decide those priorities for itself then in the end they will have to be imposed upon the Royal Navy."

He said that Britain could not meet its Nato commitments, which were overwhelming our defence against an extremely sophisticated Soviet fleet, and at the same time also carry on the general maritime responsibilities.

Mr Michael Heseltine, Sir John's successor as Secretary of State for Defence, said that if he had carried out the review he would probably have taken very similar decisions.

In yesterday's statement, the Ministry of Defence said that this year £700m more in real terms would be spent on the navy. There were 38 warships

on order and a wide range of improved weapons and equipment were being developed.

It was incorrect to say that the number of hunter-killer submarines was reducing. By the end of the 1980s the ministry expected the number of those submarines to be more than half as many again as in 1979.

The ministry denied Captain Moore's claim that the design of the planned Type 2400 diesel submarine lagged behind those of other European builders.

Over Captain Moore's argument that Britain would be unable to keep more than two major ports open in the face of sustained mine-laying, the ministry said that the Navy's mine countermeasure capability was to be improved.

● The Royal Navy has decided that it has no use at present for a system which would enable aircraft to be launched, or plucked out of the air, by a hook.

The SkyHook which is still in the very early design stage, was devised by British Aerospace to extend the number of ships which could operate vertical-and-short-take-off-and-landing aircraft such as the Harrier. The ministry has concluded that the system's height could reduce speed and seaworthiness.



'I'm afraid it's all we can afford, sir.'

TUC cracks down on internal politicking

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The Trades Union Congress has acted to break up the increasingly formal battle between the left and moderates to influence the outcome of elections to the TUC General Council.

It has written to more than 100 affiliated unions telling them that "institutionalized canvassing by organized groups is incompatible with good trade union practice and very disruptive to the unity of the TUC."

The circular condemns the holding of private meetings and the circulation of documents containing lists of recommended candidates for election to the General Council which have been a growing feature of politicking within the labour movement over the past few years.

The practice came out into the open in the run-up to the 1981 congress, when the main moderate group mailed its "slate" to a number of unions thought to be uncommitted and asked for their support.

In the subsequent outcry, the St. Ermins Group (so named after the Westminster hotel where its members meet) was accused of flouting congress rules that forbid canvassing.

TUC rules state: "Canvassing or bartering of votes for any position or purpose shall be strictly forbidden." Candidates for election to the General Council face a three-year ban on holding office if found guilty of such practices.

It has been an open secret, however, that both left and right seek to gain a majority on the General Council by informal plotting aimed at getting their candidates elected. In the days before Congress starts on September 5, some very competitive lunching is being reported from the political battle front.

The TUC sent out its circular when inviting unions to nominate for the 17 seats on the enlarged, 51-member General Council that are still open to election by independent members.

From next month, 34 of the seats will be taken up automatically by unions with more than 100,000 members, six seats for women will be elected by all the unions participating in a secret ballot and 11 seats will be elected by 83 unions that do not qualify for automatic representation.

The confidential circular says: "At the 1981 congress, the issues arose of the canvassing of votes for election to the General Council. In this connection the General Council wish to make it clear to all affiliated unions that it is incompatible with good trade union practice for organized groups within the TUC to take place.

"This includes the holding of private meetings, and the circulation of documents containing lists of recommended candidates for election to the General Council. Such developments can only be very disruptive to the unity of the TUC. The General Council will be keeping this under review."

The TUC is having some difficulty enforcing its authority, however. Four right-wing "hit lists" designed to rid the General Council of leading left-wingers were said to be circulating at the end of last year, although documentary evidence proved impossible to come by.

The General Council elections take place on September 6, and it is certain that the intense lobbying of recent weeks will determine the outcome, although both sides are being obliged to adopt a lower profile in their activities.

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BA court challenge defended

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Lord King, chairman of British Airways, yesterday defended his High Court challenge to the Government's "open skies" aviation policy. Any airline publicly or privately owned, was free to seek protection under the law, he said.

British Airways, which Lord King says will be ready for full privatization by September next year, is attempting to prevent British Midland, its independent rival, from operating a service between Heathrow and Belfast, a route on which the state airline recently introduced its new, fuel efficient Boeing 757 aircraft.

The Civil Aviation Authority's decision to grant a licence to British Midland for flights to Belfast is the cause of the present dispute, but it is also being used by British Airways to bring pressure on the Government to speed the sale of its shares to the private sector.

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Councils seek views on regional park

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A consortium of local authorities, including the Greater London Council, is asking for public comment on a plan to designate 40 square miles on London's western edge as a regional park (David Walker writes).

The park, the length of the Colne Brook from Rickmansworth in the north to Runnymede, would link green areas, waterways and reservoirs. It is intended by council planners to reinforce green belt policies forbidding development within it.

Mr Illyd Harrington, GLC deputy leader and chairman of the standing conference of councils for the Colne Valley Park, issued a statement yesterday inviting farmers, landowners, conservationists and recreational organizations to comment.

The plan, costing "several millions" spread over the coming decade, envisages new

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Raleigh to cut 600 more jobs

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

T. I. Raleigh, the Nottingham cycle company, is to make 600 workers redundant. It was announced yesterday. Two hundred and fifty staff and hourly paid production workers will lose their jobs during the next two months. A further 350 jobs will be lost by the middle of next year, through natural wastage.

The workforce has been halved in the past three years but the company said that it did not envisage any more reductions after the latest cuts.

Inquiry into ambulance crash

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Cambridgeshire ambulance service started an investigation yesterday into why a Peugeot ambulance equipped with a life support system overturned on the M11 at Girton near Cambridge on Monday night, injuring its driver, nurse and doctor.

The patient, Mr Martyn Bedford, from March, who was being transferred from Peterborough Hospital to the head injuries department at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, was in a critical condition last night.

RSPCA to hunt marauding mink

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Residents of a North Yorkshire town have called in the RSPCA to hunt down mink, after scores of animals savaged two dozen ducks and 10 adult birds swimming in a stream.

Residents of Bedale, who fear that the mink may attack children who play in the picturesque spot, lobbied the local council. The Ministry of Agriculture has now agreed to supply traps and RSPCA officials will have the captured mink humanely destroyed.

Inquiry urged after suicides

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

An all-party group of six MPs, meeting yesterday at the Glasgow headquarters of the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties, decided to ask the Government for a public inquiry into young offender institutions in Scotland.

Three people in institutions have killed themselves in ten months, the latest eight days ago. Mr David Gow, the council's general secretary, said: "The issue will not be resolved by making scapegoats of a few staff at low level."

Channel 4 drops alternative news

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Channel 4 has not renewed the contract for the weekly alternative news programme, *The Friday Alternative*, which ends in October. The programme, made by Diverse Productions, has attracted few viewers. It is understood that it is likely to be replaced by another alternative media production.

Murder charge

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

James Mason, aged 31, and his wife Valerie Ann, aged 22, were jointly charged yesterday with murdering David Moore, aged 29, an insurance salesman, from Manchester, in Hulme, South Lakeland, on August 12. The couple, from Ashton-in-Makerfield, Greater Manchester, were remanded in custody.

Bosanquet wed

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Mr Reginald Bosanquet, aged 55, the former ITN newsreader, married for the third time yesterday at Chelsea Register Office. His bride was Mrs Joan Platt.

Harrods to promote Hongkong goods

By John Lawless

A 10-year campaign to rid Hongkong products of their old "cheap and nasty" image reaches a climax next March when they will dominate the shelves of Harrods for a month. Officials of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council who clinched the deal, having made their first approach to the Knighbridge department store in 1973, regard the event as the "ultimate accolade."

The council is to spend £400,000 promoting the event. Harrods, which has already started sending buying teams to Hongkong, will match that amount.

With the Hongkong Government, its tourist authority and Cathay Pacific airline also contributing, the promotional budget will be worth almost a quarter of the £4.5m worth of goods to be flown in.

The man who first suggested the idea, the council's executive director, Mr Leo Dunning, said yesterday: "Harrods has some of the most discerning and quality-conscious customers in the world."

"To have Hongkong merchandise as the theme throughout the store for a full month is the best possible acknowledgement that our products can now stand up to international

comparison at the highest level.

Mr Dunning said: "It will now be possible for the discriminating British consumer and the average housewife to afford decent, fashionable goods."

"Equally, the profits Hongkong earns will enable us to buy even more sophisticated high technology products from the UK which, together with consumer goods, will be costing over £700m in 1983."

Mr David de Borman, who took over as senior British representative of the trade council this month, said: "It will finally lay to rest the myth that Hongkong produces plastic things which go on Christmas trees."

Goods on display will include about 30 categories, including audio equipment and video games, luggage, sporting goods, picnic and kitchenware, toys and furniture.

£1m fire charge

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A boy aged 15 charged with starting a fire which caused more than £1m damage to a warehouse in Skimpot Lane, Luton, this month appeared before Luton Juvenile Court yesterday. The case was adjourned until September 20.



Leisure palace: A model of a rebuilding plan for Alexandra Palace, north London, approved by the Department of the Environment yesterday.

The hilltop landmark was destroyed by fire three years ago. Now Haringey Borough Council is to spend £34m on a scheme including an hotel, concert

hall, exhibition area, planetarium and drama school. In the surrounding park will be riding stables, a zoo and football pitches.

Work is due to start next April and the council hopes to finish by 1989.

The council says the cost of the development, the subject of a public inquiry last year, will be met by

insurance and a grant made by the Greater London Council when the palace was transferred to Haringey's ownership.

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Callaghan calls for early cut in interest rates

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Mr James Callaghan yesterday advocated an early cut in interest rates and the stabilization of exchange rates between Europe, the United States and Japan, to reduce worldwide unemployment levels.

"It would need a substantial intervention fund of perhaps \$200bn to \$300bn, but it would be worth while if we are to escape from the present levels of unemployment and provide jobs for our people," the former Labour prime minister said.

Mr Callaghan leaves today for Vail, Colorado, to attend a forum, presided over by Gerald Ford, the former US president, which will deal with international trade and changing the world economy.

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Kinnock calls for 'realistic' family policy

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Family policy must adapt to the fact that only 5 per cent of British families are dependent on a sole male wage, Mr Neil Kinnock, the leading contender for the Labour leadership, says today.

He calls for a framework to meet changing reality instead of "attending merely to the traditional image of the family with a male breadwinner, a dependent housewife and two children."

Writing in *Poverty*, journal of the Child Poverty Action Group, Mr Kinnock accuses the Government of a sentimental attachment to ideas of the family while introducing social and economic policies which have imposed misery and misery on countless homes.

Poverty for 11 million people means stress, cold and inadequate diets, while unemployment for 4.5 million means pressure, poverty and waste. Both, Mr Kinnock writes, break up families and communities.

The role of parents in bringing children is vital and irreplaceable, but must be understood as an obligation to the whole community. Extra financial responsibilities for dependent children must be met through general taxation, rather than through parents' own contributions or the "family wage" which is the basis of much collective bargaining, Mr Kinnock says.

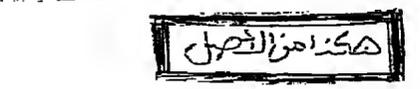
Much higher child benefits are essential, he says, and low

work is divided - menceumbered by the particular assumptions of the wages, taxes and benefits system."

Mr Kinnock also calls for a "enormous improvement" in social provision for child care, particularly by proper nursery provision.

Family policy should also be built on the principle of extending real freedom and choice for families, he writes.

"State support for the family should seek to place particular obligations upon neither the mother nor the father but should recognize the family unit as a whole, so leaving the members of the family to take their own decisions as to how family



Telephone caller says he knows one of the men who assaulted boy

The focus of the hunt for three men who abducted a six-year-old boy near his home in Brighton and sexually assaulted him switched yesterday to an anonymous telephone caller who claimed to know one of the attackers. Det. Chief Insp Geoffrey Randle, who is leading the hunt, said that the anonymous caller sounded terrified when he made two calls on Sunday evening shortly after 10pm.

"He said that he knew one of the persons who had attacked the boy and that he knew where the man lived. It was a long distance telephone call from the north of England."

"The caller did agree at one time that he would meet an officer but still refused to give his name or whereabouts. He said that if it was found out that he had told the police that he knew the identity of the man he would be in for it."

"We tried to persuade him to make an appointment or agree to go to a police station or give us some details whereby we could meet and talk with him but he merely repeated that he was terrified and eventually broke down in tears and rang off," Inspector Randle said.

"The same man rang back at 10.15 the same night. On this occasion he said that he himself was gay and that his friend, the one who was responsible for the attack, is perverted. He also

said that this man had told him that 'he has done it'."

"He repeated that he was terrified, and did not want us to come to his house and despite our efforts for him to identify himself, the man broke off the conversation."

"We appeal to this man to contact us again either by telephone, contacting his local police, or if he does not feel that he can approach the police directly, maybe there is someone he can trust, a priest or a friend, who will help him to come to us so that we can evaluate what he has to say."

Mr Randle said.

Each call, both of which the police are treating seriously, lasted two minutes and were not traceable, although it is known that they were made from a private telephone.

"We are always very conscious that some people with a weird sense of humour might play games with us now that we have made this public, but he said a couple of things which would help us identify the caller", Mr Randle said. The man had a northern accent.

A left-hand-drive car with German number plates that boarded the Sealink Newhaven to Dieppe ferry and was believed might have been the same one seen in the area of the boy's abduction on the night of the attack has been virtually eliminated from inquiries.

A woman saw a brown car with black numbers on white plates, in the style of German cars, near where the boy was kidnapped. The only German car on the next available ferry after the attack 10 days ago was a green BMW which has been traced to an elderly couple living in Munich.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, has threatened a backbench revolt against the Government unless the Paedophile Information Exchange, which advocates sex between adults and children is banned.

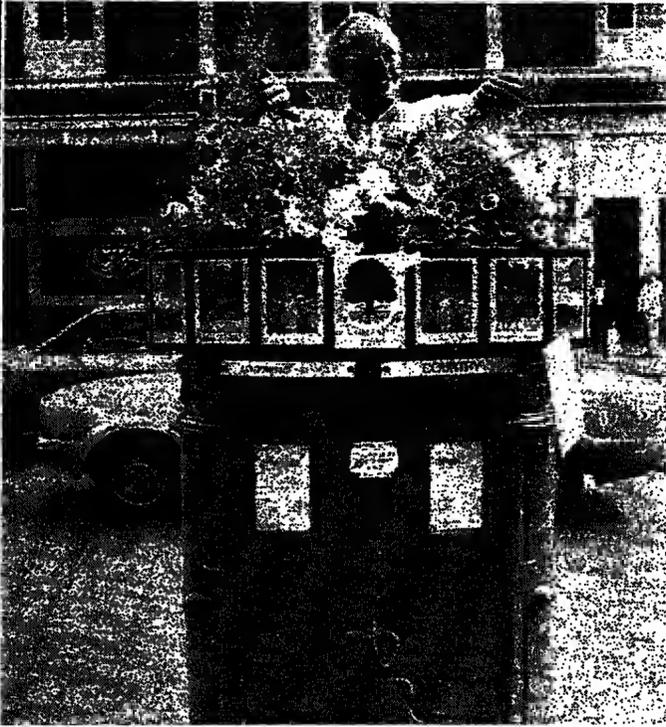
"He said that he would not 'lobbed off with replies that the present law is adequate to protect children'."

"Public opinion now demands action. I have now thrown the gauntlet down to the Government, and there will be a massive row if they do not act", Mr Dickens said.

The Paedophile Information Exchange yesterday condemned the attack on the boy.

Mr Steven Adrian, a former vice-chairman of PIE and a committee member, said: "Mr Dickens just sees PIE as a very populist platform."

He said "PIE unreservedly condemns such incidents whenever they occur. People with such callous motivation would have not point in joining PIE. We would have nothing to offer such individuals."



Bizarre blooms: Graeme Garden, of the television comedy series, "The Goodies," living up to his name yesterday by planting flowers on a pillar box in Farringdon Street, central London. The unusual plot came from the Beautiful Britain Campaign and marked the issue of four stamps featuring beautiful British gardens (Photographer: John Voos).

Bailiff changes 'will make credit dearer'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Consumer credit could become more expensive and harder to obtain as a result of a planned 30 per cent reduction in the 1,100 county court bailiffs and a cut-back in their duties, a traders' representative said yesterday.

Mr John Patrick, director of the Consumer Credit Trade Association, told *The Times* that had-debt losses to the retail trade could be increased by more than £3m by the changes.

Dr B W Bailey, director of the United Association for the Protection of Trade, said that protests have been made to the Lord Chancellor, who oversees the Courts, by trade bodies.

The Lord Chancellor's Department plans to cut bailiffs' work by increasing the minimum level for a part warrant of execution from £15 to £50. The warrant is issued by the court at the request of the creditor for part of the outstanding debt.

Broadly speaking, it applies where a court has made an order for repayment by instalments. The amount for which the warrant is issued cannot be less than one of the instalments and at present cannot be less than £15. The new minimum of £50 will reduce numbers of warrants issued.

Economies will also be made in serving of summonses. The plaintiff now has a choice of how a summons can be served to notify the debtor of a claim. The Lord Chancellor's Office plans to remove the choice of having it served by a court bailiff.

Mr Patrick said that the changes could lead to a significant shift in the tactics used by retailers to collect debts. He predicted greater use of attachments on earnings orders. Consumer credit would become much tighter and the customer could end up by paying more.

The CCTA represents companies like Debenhams, the Co-op Bank, Currys, Bumbalows, Woolworth and Selfridges.

New credit extended by retailers in 1982 was £3,370m. Finance houses extended a further £5,938m fixed sum credit.

The Burton Group, the clothing retailer, estimates that it could lose between £300,000 and £400,000 because of the changes. Mr Victor Ware, the credit manager, said that he was also concerned that county courts would not record judgments below £50. "This meant that people prevented from getting credit because of their bad payments may well be able to. That will cause bad debts."

Retailers will be most affected by the changes because the sums involved are smaller.

Increasing numbers of people are getting into debt, according to *Clapham Omnibus*, the magazine published by the National Consumer Council. Redundancies have created a new class of debtor, the white-collar worker or skilled worker.

New computer 'links home and school'

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A new British-made home computer designed to be plugged into the television set was launched yesterday by Acorn, the makers of the BBC Microcomputer. It is half the price of the corporation's model.

The Electron will be on sale for just under £200 from next month in Acorn dealers in 100 W. H. Smith shops. It is not as sophisticated as the BBC Microcomputer which was launched last year and has sold more than 150,000, but it does have a number of its good features.

The BBC Microcomputer has been used extensively in schools and its sales have been stimulated by the television programmes made on computers by the corporation. The new Acorn product, however, has been designed to be used by everyone in the home.

Acorn management says: "The majority of children using computers at school are learning on a BBC Micro. Having a BBC-compatible Electron at home will ensure that their skills are never wasted, since whatever is learned at home can be immediately applied at school. The home will soon

become as much a place for learning as the school."

According to a recent survey, girls are 13 times less likely than boys to use microcomputers and only 4 per cent of mothers use them. Acorn is also addressing itself to that market.

"Unless girls are encouraged to make more use of micros at home, they will undoubtedly fall behind in the application of computers at school", the company says.

●The most read book in the world, the Bible, can now be analysed using a microcomputer.

Serious students of the Bible have had a special set of programs written for them by Bible Research Systems of Austin, Texas and marketed in Britain at about £150 by Pete and Pam Computers, of Rosendale, Lancashire.

The package can be run on Apple, IBM and Osborne personal computers, among others. The 4.5 million characters of the King James Bible are contained in four, six or eight discs, depending on the machine. The programs allow the user to extract the relevant texts on a particular subject by using keywords.

Straw-burning ban urged to cut waste

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The annual burning of straw worth about £300m is the biggest waste scandal in farming, the Friends of the Earth organization says in a report published yesterday.

The straw has the thermal capacity of 2,700,000 tonnes of coal and could provide all the heating fuel needed in agriculture, the group says. Burning it in the fields destroys the insects and rodents on which birds depend.

The report calls for a total ban on straw burning and suggest instead a straw haulage subsidy, from funds at present supporting cereal production, to encourage transport from areas in surplus to those with demand.

Strawburning: You'd Think Farmers Had Money to Burn. Friends of the Earth, 177 City Road, London EC1, £1.95.

Kidney illness confirmed in girl aged 7

From Arthur Osama, Birmingham

A girl aged seven from West Bromwich was confirmed yesterday as having haemolytic uraemic syndrome, a condition affecting the kidneys and blood, which has caused three deaths in the past six weeks.

The girl, who was not identifiable, is in Sandwell District General Hospital, and an official of the regional health authority said her condition was not causing anxiety. She was admitted to hospital on Saturday.

She is the nineteenth child to be affected in the general area of the Black Country and the thirtieth case of the infection reported in England this summer. The condition of three of the five children still in hospital is improving, but there is concern for two, particularly for a boy aged two who is in a coma.

Irish town prepares for Reagan's return to roots

The people of Ballyporeen, President Reagan's ancestral home in Co. Tipperary, are preparing a big Irish welcome for their most famous son.

They are convinced he will visit them this year. They believe he will arrive around October 4, 5 or 6. They have even laid a special tar-mac square in the town park which can easily be covered into a helicopter pad.

An unexpected letter from President Reagan last week-end was the latest in a series of strange recent developments which have strengthened their belief that a presidential visit is due.

Although he made no mention of a visit Mr Reagan wrote that he was pleased Ballyporeen claimed him as its own. He was doubly pleased to have "ties of blood" with Ireland.

The letter, to Mr John O'Farrell, who resumed his public house "The Ronald Reagan" after the President's inauguration, was delivered by Judge James R. Lawson, of Boston, who was visiting the town with the Massachusetts

Representative, Mr Michael Connelley.

The letter was delivered two weeks after four American Secret Service men visited the town, which has a population of 300.

Four weeks earlier Margaret Hickler, US Secretary of Health and Human Services, called in on her way home from a conference in Geneva.

NBC, the US television network, is said to have booked studio time in Dublin for a week in October in the belief that there will be a presidential visit.

One Ballyporeen politician, County Councillor Con Donovan, said: "We will give President Reagan the kind of welcome home which a man of his standing deserves."

The Foreign Affairs Department in Dublin said: "President Reagan has accepted a formal invitation to visit Ireland but when he is coming we do not know."

The US embassy in Dublin said: "We have no reference to a visit. If anything has been planned we would expect to know."

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TUC should push for legal limit on working hours, Jenkins says

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

The Trades Union Congress should press for legislation to limit the number of hours that any one can work in a lifetime, Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, told the association.

Mr Jenkins said that he would propose such a policy to the TUC in Blackpool next month because unemployment on the present scale required the force of law to reduce working hours and share out available work.

The regulations would place a weekly ceiling on overtime, and encourage people to take longer holidays, sabbaticals and early retirement. But the details remained to be worked out.

Mr Jenkins was addressing the association's section whose theme this year is "New technology and the future of work".

"The next five years are going to be a period of deep trauma for trade unions", Mr Jenkins predicted. "The general election has changed the social landscape in a quite irrevocable way", he said.

"Next five years... a period of deep trauma for unions"

He is urging his TUC colleagues to review their attitudes to work and unemployment. The labour movement has "profoundly misread" the general reaction to unemployment, he said.

Mr Jenkins who had been talking to many unemployed men and women while researching a future book found that most people accepted the loss of their jobs with quiet sorrow and without anger. Their shocked reaction was similar to bereavement on the death of a family member, he said.

The labour movement was wrong to imagine that insecurity is a common result of unemployment, Mr Jenkins added. The financial compensations which most people received through redundancy payments and company and state benefits, made them feel reasonably secure.

Mr Ian Miles, of the science policy research unit at Sussex

Seeing stars from telescope in space

From Pearce Wright, Brighton

Plans for an optical telescope in space which will be more efficient than the largest ground-based observatory were described by Professor M. S. Longair, Astronomer Royal for Scotland and director of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, to the physics section of the association.

It will cost about \$1,000m (£650m) and is designed to fit into the cargo bay of the United States space shuttle. It should be ready for launch in May 1986, and will be placed in a circular orbit 500 km up, where it will be refurbished about every two years.

The telescope is a joint venture of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the European Space Agency.

Reflecting the excitement developing among astronomers, Professor Longair said: "The space telescope observatory is going to dominate the work and ideas of astronomers until the end of the century. We have been planning our programme at Edinburgh for six years."

He disclosed that the preparatory research from ground-based observatories had revealed in the past month objects that were formed when the universe was less than half its present age. And those were among the oldest formations so far found in the sky.

But he said the new telescope

£2.5m given to teach disabled on computers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The government is to spend £2.5m to put computerized learning equipment into the 700 special schools for disabled children, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Industry, announced yesterday.

He said the Department of Trade and Industry already sponsored the development of information technology for the disabled, including the sound bubble, which helps very young children to learn coordination by playing a simple tune, and the contact keyboard, which enables people with coordination problems to use a micro computer.

Researchers at Bristol University, funded by the department, are adapting micros to help deaf children to learn



Mr Baker: "Computers motivate children"

School disruption widespread, six-year study shows

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Disruption among pupils in schools appears to be rampant and may be much greater than suggested in the media, according to research conducted over the past six years by academics at London University.

It found that although the disruptive behaviour did not take the form of violence or aggression against teachers, it was in a sense more pervasive and undermining, consisting of inattentiveness and an unwillingness or inability to learn in the way teachers wanted.

Explaining the research yesterday, Dr David Stead, a senior lecturer at Goldsmith's College, London, said that disruption in two London schools, the subject of study, was so widespread as to be normal.

"It is paradoxical that neither school was obviously disorderly and in both there was evidence that the majority of pupils were learning satisfactorily", he said. When teachers talked about acts of disruption they meant rowdiness, abuse, bad language, talking, chatting and refusing authority.

In school A, a boys' comprehensive in outer London, 101 incidents were recorded in two monitoring periods in the

autumn and spring terms of 1977. In school B, a large, mixed multiracial comprehensive, there were 144, recorded in one week in 1979.

All the incidents were described as sufficiently serious to interrupt teaching and require time-consuming action. If the figures were extrapolated over the 40 weeks of the school year, school A would have 2,020 incidents and school B 5,760.

When the researchers talked to pupils they complained of unfairness and said that other pupils doing the same thing were not punished. They said that teachers made up their minds who the trouble-makers were from past experience.

"Clearly what is happening is that different notions of appropriateness and order are in competition and collision; an imposed order which appears to vary, and a pupil sense of order," Dr Stead said.

"Teachers who attempt to ignore or deny the latter, who refuse to negotiate or rely solely on imposition, should not be surprised if their authority, no longer supported in the same unequivocal way by wider societal norms, breeds resentment, apathy and aggression among their pupils."

temporary jobs, legal and illegal, with periods of elation and hope, poverty and despair.

"The reduced spending power of young people is in itself going to bring about profound changes in the youth culture, the music, the clothes, the tribal customs, which commerce has conjured from the short-lived youthful affluence of the past 30 years."

Youth culture 'will alter'

By Our Education Correspondent

Big changes in youth culture, its music, clothes and tribal customs, were forecast yesterday as a result of the relative poverty of today's young people compared with their affluent predecessors in the 1960's.

Young people would stay at school until the age of 16 but then would go on to the Youth Training Scheme for one or two years, Mr Stuart MacLure, editor of the *Times Educational Supplement*, said.

From there they were likely to enter a world in which they would be employed sometimes but not all the time.

Speaking yesterday at the opening session of the education section, Mr MacLure, the association's president, said that this change was likely to affect family life.

"For many there will be periods of unemployment interspersed with employment, with a return to further education, perhaps with opportunities for community work, with a mixture of part-time and

partial identification was based on the embroidered name on the waistband of the killer's underpants and a gold ring with the initials "R".

WASHINGTON: The White House has made clear that President Reagan intends to go ahead with a planned visit to Manila in November despite the assassination. President Reagan had seemed to leave open the possibility of a cancellation when answering reporters in Los Angeles on Monday.

The document expands on themes put forward by Senator Gabriel Valdes, a former Foreign Minister, two weeks ago when the President of the Christian Democrats announced the creation of the alliance, which groups all the main opposition parties except the Communists.

EEC differences widen on farm budget

Brussels (Reuters) - Wide differences emerged today in the European Community over a plan to cut farm spending.

The conflicting national views were emphasised in a report by the Council of Ministers secretary, which was debated at a meeting of ministers and senior officials.

That unlisted farm price guarantees must end and that beyond certain production levels, farmers must help to pay the cost of disposing of food surpluses.

But the secretariat reported differences on the size of the farm budget, the share of sacrifice to be borne by differ-

Research race is on in advanced computing

By Our Technology Correspondent

Japan's "fifth generation" computer project has spurred the United States Government to devote hundreds of millions of dollars to research in advancing computing.

Mr Robert Muller of the British computer systems company, SPL International, who recently returned from a tour of Japan and the US, reported his findings at a session organized by the British Computer Society.

"Not since the Russian sputnik started the space race has anything had a similar effect on shaking the US into a major concerted technology programme", he said.

The fifth generation project, a 10-year effort, described as the most ambitious computing project ever mounted, aims at producing computers which think like humans, based on techniques of artificial intelligence.

Industry had only recently become aware of the huge potential benefits of artificial intelligence, Mr Muller said. That was due largely to the first commercial successes of computerized expert systems which represent and use specialized knowledge in the same way as human experts.

The fifth generation project was in a different category from Japan's past victories in technical fields like semi-conductors, video and cameras, Mr Muller said.

"Japan is felt to be awakening to an awareness of its own creative powers. In the fifth generation computer project it has set itself a major technology challenge in an area where there are large research problems yet to be solved. With the cooperation of the West, Japan will probably succeed", Mr Muller predicted.

Family tragedy: Kristina Aquino, aged 12, weeping on the shoulder of her sister Maria Elena, aged 27, in Boston on their way to Manila for the funeral of their father.

Government denied the Japanese reports (Reuters and AFP report). A spokesman said that press conference remarks by President Ferdinand Marcos "should be interpreted as an outright denial of the allegations that Aquino was shot by military men".

Police also announced what was described as partial identification of the alleged assassin. They said only that his name appeared to be "Rolly". Colonel Luis San Andres, the police spokesman, said the

assassination was premeditated by the Philippines authorities, but gave no details.

According to reports from Manila by others on the flight, Mr Wakamiya was in a highly emotional state after the incident. His account of the events was initially carried by Japan's Kyodo News Service.

There were reports that Japanese newspapers carrying the story of Mr Wakamiya's allegations, are not being allowed into the Philippines.

MANILA: The Philippines

product from 2.8 per cent last year, will prove to be highly expansionary", he said.

The main elements of the budget's spending include a rise for social security and welfare to SAUS 16,840m from SAUS 14,110m and in defence spending to SAUS 5,280m from SAUS 4,780m.

Foreign aid will rise to SAUS 836.64m from SAUS 744.62m including an increase to SAUS 105.06m in contributions to international aid institutions from SAUS 67.65m.

Other spending increases include a rise to SAUS 4,210m

Graphic account of Manila murder

'I saw guards shoot Aquino in head'

From Our Correspondent Tokyo

A Japanese freelance journalist, who claims to have witnessed the shooting of the Philippine opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, alleges that the fatal shot was fired by one of the military guards who escorted the politician from the aircraft after landing in Manila on Sunday.

Mr Kiyoshi Wakamiya, a passenger on the China Airlines jet which carried Mr Aquino to his death, told a press conference after his return to Tokyo that the military guard fired at a distance of a yard from Aquino's head. Mr Wakamiya said he viewed the scene through the legs of various people crowding the aircraft's exit.

"I saw from inside the plane that two of the three officers, who took him (Aquino) out, pulled out handguns and shot at Mr Aquino's head from a close range within one metre," Mr Wakamiya said.

"At that time (when the aircraft landed), three officers in khaki-coloured uniforms came inside the plane. I think they called him 'senator' or something... he (Aquino) smiled, and asked me to carry his

baggage. I was so excited that I don't remember which baggage he asked me to carry... "When he was about to leave the plane, TV crews, cameramen, dashed after him," Mr Wakamiya said. He said that when he and another reporter had moved between 9 and 12ft (3 and 4 metres) from the plane, they were blocked our way."

"Everybody was standing up. I fell down and I could see clear through their legs he (Aquino) was descending the stairway," he said.

"As he descended, the two officers suddenly pulled out small handguns - I think they were .45s. Mr Aquino was wearing a bulletproof vest, though. They suddenly pulled out handguns."

He said that as the group moved down the stairway from the plane, two officers sandwiched him from his sides and one followed him from behind. Then, when they touched the ground and walked a few steps, there was "bang, bang. I was so astonished. Mr Aquino fell flat forward."

The *Asahi Shinbun* newspaper, also reporting on the press conference, quoted Mr Wakamiya as saying: "I didn't see who fired the shots at that moment. Aquino fell forward without even bending his knees, with blood gushing from his head."

Immediately after Aquino was shot, the Japanese journalist said, another man was pushed by the guards from a waiting military van and then shot dead. The other man is alleged by the Philippine authorities to have been the assassin. The free-lancer said he had "evidence" that the as-

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Australia to double deficit

Canberra (Reuters) - Australia expects a record budget deficit SAUS 8,360m (£4.8bn) up in June 30 next year, against the 1982-83 deficit of SAUS 4,470m, the Treasurer, Mr Paul Keating, told Parliament yesterday.

Introducing the Labor Government's first budget, Mr Keating said spending would rise to SAUS 56,770m from SAUS 48,930m and receipts to SAUS 48,340m from SAUS 44,510m.

"There can be no doubt that this budget, with a deficit increasing to an estimated 4.7 per cent of gross domestic

Seoul warns against disruption

Seoul (AFP) - President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea said yesterday that the peaceful transfer of power was vital to South Korea's democratization. He again made it clear that he would step down when his term ended in 1988.

"We have provided a solid institutional device for democratization and all of us must heed it faithfully", Mr Chun said. He added that "now was no time to demand democratization but to practice it." His remarks came in a written statement to the presidential press corps.

Mr Chun intimated that he would deal harshly with any political movement that tried to disrupt the constitutional order under the pretext of demanding democratization.

Warlord's heroin base seized

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

Thai forces have captured an important base controlled by Khun Sa, the opium warlord, close to the border with Burma. Squadron-Leader Prasong Soonsiri, Thailand's National Security Chief, said last night that the base contained a large laboratory for refining opium.

He said soldiers had found a quantity of opium at the base as well as chemicals for refining opium. The stronghold at Doi Saechu in the border mountains of Chiang Mai province contained living quarters, more than 50 defensive bunkers, four watchtowers, storehouses and stables for horses.

Squadron-Leader Prasong said only three Thai soldiers had been wounded in the fighting which had gone on for three days in torrential rain. Casualties among Khun Sa's men were unknown but all of them had been driven back into Burma.

He was apparently alluding to the recent call by Mr Kim Young Sam, the South Korean opposition leader, for a national struggle to win greater democracy.

In the written interview, Mr Chun indicated that he would abide strictly by the constitution which prohibits a president from seeking reelection after a single seven-year term.

Gdansk workers ignore union go-slow demand

Gdansk (Reuters) - A worker's go-slow called by a secret committee at the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk appeared to have drawn only a negligible response yesterday.

A shipyard spokesman said work went on normally at the sprawling yard employing some 13,000 people which was the birthplace three years ago of Poland's now-banned Solidarity trade union.

Out of more than 30 workers from different departments questioned by Western reporters as they came off the morning shift only four said they knew of the go-slow demand, made by a clandestine committee known as the TKZ.

The protest had been called to bring pressure on the Communist authorities to begin talks with Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader. The Government has ruled out negotiations with Mr Walesa and has launched a propaganda campaign against him.

As he entered the shipyard early yesterday Mr Walesa said

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US has 40,000 targets for nuclear attack inside Soviet Union

By Rodney Corwin, Defence Correspondent

The United States has identified 40,000 targets in the Soviet Union for possible attack in the event of full-scale nuclear war. This number has risen from about 2,600 in 1960 and 25,000 in 1974.

These facts emerge from a detailed study of United States nuclear targeting policy published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. It was prepared by Dr Desmond Ball, a Senior Fellow of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra.

He says that the increase in the number of potential targets arises not because of an increase in the number of Russian installations but because intelligence has located installations not previously known.

He says that at least since 1973 it has not been American policy to aim specifically at the civilian population, but that in practice the significance of this is difficult to discern.

"Large-scale US attacks against Soviet strategic targets and urban-industrial centres would kill from 50 to 100 million people, although successful evacuation measures could reduce the range to 25 to 34 million.

"If population was deliberately targeted, rather than casualties being only side effects of attacks on military and economic targets, then, somewhere between 20 and 30 million additional people would be killed."

"It is apparent that, throughout the entire period since 1945, the number of Soviet installations which US target planners have considered it necessary to target has exceeded the weapons available for employment against them."

The Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) which governs nuclear strategy contains some 10,000 weapons, but Dr Ball says the number expected to arrive at their target could be fewer than 4,000. He says: "There is no doubt that, to some extent at least, target lists have been generated in order to provide an argument for larger strategic nuclear forces."

It is a myth that US targeting plans have been directed essentially to urban-industrial targets, with little scope for flexibility in the extension of the attack. "Flexibility and an ability to control the escalation process have been official requirements for some two decades at least."

But Dr Ball concludes that the limited nuclear war-fighting option is a chimera, and that "policies which depend upon the ability to maintain escalation control of a nuclear exchange are ultimately incredible."

● **Apparatus attacked:** President Reagan yesterday compared the anti-nuclear stand adopted by the peace movement with Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement prior to the outbreak of the Second World War (Nicholas Ashford writes from Washington).

Interrupting his holiday in California to address a meeting of the American Legion in Seattle, he said that peace was an objective and not a policy and that Chamberlain failed to understand this did to the peril. "Chamberlain thought of peace as a vague policy and brought us closer to World War Two. Today's so-called peace movement - for all its modern hype and theatrics - makes the same old mistake."

Reiterating his belief in maintaining peace through strength, the President said:



Grass-roots aid: US marines in full camouflage ready to train new Lebanese Army recruits in Beirut

Israel opens dialogue with Arab moderates

From Christopher Walker, Bethlehem

Israel in despair at the rift in the Palestine Liberation Organization. The switch in policy was endorsed publicly yesterday when Mr Arens arrived with a heavily armed escort for talks in Bethlehem with the mayor and his 16 elected councillors.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Frei, who at the age of 63 is regarded as the most influential West Bank mayor still left at his post, deflected his decision to talk with Mr Arens.

He claimed that it was the first meeting he had held with an Israeli Defence Minister for three years. "It is a significant change."

He added: "The Arab world is in disarray, the Europeans have given up and American policy is totally inconsistent. For the Palestinians, this is the most frustrating situation we have ever had, so what harm can there be in talks aimed at improving the lives of our people?"

"At present there is no chance of a political solution and for all practical purposes, our land has been annexed. In these circumstances, the sensible thing is to sit down and talk to try and make the environment we have to live in more acceptable."

In his meetings with Mr Arens, Mr Frei has pressed for the appointment of moderate, pro-Jordanian Arab mayors to replace the Israeli officials now running the three largest occupied towns, Nablus, Ramallah and Hebron.

He also urged Israel to annul Military Order 973 which severely restricts the transfer of Arab funds to the West Bank municipalities.

● **TEL AVIV:** Four Israeli soldiers were wounded in southern Lebanon yesterday when an explosive charge went off beside a road near their patrol in the Bekaa Valley (Reuters reports).

The French contingent of the four-nation peacekeeping force reported that two of its jeeps on patrol in west Beirut came under fire from a car just after midnight. French troops returned the fire.

Moscow keeps up attack on Japan

Moscow (AFP) - The Soviet Union stepped up its criticism of Japan with the third press attack in two days on what it called Tokyo's "militarization and anti-Sovietism."

An article in the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, accused Mr Shintaro Abe, Japan's Foreign Minister, of fomenting anti-Soviet feeling in Japan while pretending to advocate greater Soviet-Japanese cooperation. Mr Abe stopped over in Moscow briefly on August 13.

On Monday the news agency accused Japan of militarization and of violating its own principles of non-possession, non-fabrication and non-introduction of nuclear arms into Japan. *Izvestia* said Japan would fall victim of US trade protectionism.

Four Transvaal police charged

Pretoria (AFP) - Four policemen from Dikringsdorp, eastern Transvaal, will be charged with murder and attempted murder, after the death in custody of Themba Manana, a suspected cattle thief, on April 5.

Thirty-four inmates of Barberton prison in north-eastern Transvaal, refused to testify at the trial of eight prison officials charged with murdering three prisoners. They want an assurance other staff cannot take revenge on them.

Nazi's suicide

Boon (AFP) - A former Nazi SS captain, Richard-Wilhelm Freise, aged 74, accused of sending 1,366 Jews to their death during the Second World War, committed suicide to escape his trial due in October.

Space delivery

Moscow (Reuters) - A Soviet space module bringing a 770lb cargo of photographs and equipment from the manned orbiting research station Salyut-7 touched down in Central Asia. Still circling Earth is the freight craft Cosmos 1443 that brought the module back.

Trial held up

Dublin - The court martial of Private Michael McAleavy of the Irish Army, accused of murdering three of his UN peacekeeping force colleagues in Lebanon last October, which was due to sit in Beirut today has been postponed because of the shelling there and because of "an administrative hitch".

Captive eunuchs

Geneva (AFP) - Up to half a million men in India and Pakistan have been made eunuchs against their wills, according to a report presented to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights here. It added that some 60,000 lower caste women have been forced into prostitution.

Arms dumped

Aschaffenburg (AP) - A highly explosive stockpile of second World War munitions, discovered buried three feet under the busy railway line to Frankfurt was removed secretly by experts without closing the track. It included six tons of live artillery shells and more than a ton of TNT.

Border foray

Berlin (Reuters) - East Germany has protested to West Germany over a border incident on Sunday in which unidentified people crossed from Bavaria into East Germany near the town of Oelsnitz and destroyed frontier installations, the news agency ADN said.

Base blockade

Schwäbisch Gmünd (AFP) - Former US State Department counsellor Mr Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon papers, is to join other public figures next month blocking the American air base here in West Germany destined to deploy Pershing 2 missiles.

French public still in dark about Chad

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Mitterrand is to break his long silence on French policy towards Chad with an article due to appear tomorrow in the usually pro-government newspaper, *Le Monde*.

There has been criticism in the right-wing press about presentation of such critical issues in a form which permits no cross-questioning. President Mitterrand has made no comment since the decision at the beginning of August to send troops.

That decision was taken without the specific approval of Parliament, which has been in recess, nor even consultation with the Cabinet which is due to meet today for the first time in three weeks.

Indeed, the appearance yesterday of M Claude Cheysson before the foreign relations committee of the National Assembly was the first occasion on which MPs have been able to put any questions to ministers on the affair. The meeting was held in private.

The general public has been kept strangely in the dark. There has been virtually total blackout on all official news concerning Chad, which has finally prompted a vigorous protest from exasperated French journalists.

An article in *Le Monde* last week, which it was later revealed was based on an interview with M Mitterrand made clear that while he was in favour of a "scrupulous observation" of France's 1976 treaty with Chad, he wanted to avoid French involvement in actual fighting. France's sole interest was to get the Libyans out of Chad.

That view was supported yesterday by M Roland Dumas, President Mitterrand's emissary to Colonel Gaddafi, who told *Le Monde* that there was "absolutely no question of (France) launching itself into some neo-colonial operation."

The socialists in opposition have always been highly critical of France's role as the policeman of Africa and have no wish to find themselves forced back into that position.

● **WASHINGTON:** The Reagan administration is withdrawing its two A-7C radar surveillance aircraft from North Africa after France's decision to send combat jets and support aircraft to Chad (Nicholas Ashford writes).

"According to diplomatic sources, one of the main reasons for sending them was to encourage the French to send additional military assistance."

American officials said the presence of French aircraft in Chad meant that the A-7Cs were no longer necessary.

Chemical arms dump on show

Geneva (Reuters) - The United States yesterday invited the Soviet Union and other nations to inspect a chemical weapons destruction site at a US army base in Utah.

Mr Morris Busby the United States alternate representative to the 40-nation disarmament committee, said verification of destruction of chemical weapon stockpiles was a main obstacle in negotiations for an international chemical weapon ban.

He invited all delegations to visit the facility at Tooele in Utah, around mid-November. The Soviet Union, Canada, Indonesia, the Netherlands and West Germany were further asked to make presentations on their experiences of chemical weapon stockpiling.

The United States says the system used at Tooele, which it says would only require a handful of inspectors, would help to accelerate negotiations for a chemical weapons ban in an effort to meet Soviet concerns about the intrusiveness of on-site inspection of stockpile destruction.

Mr Busby denied Soviet accusations that lack of progress at the negotiations was due to United States plans to produce binary chemical weapons.

Ex-secret agent held in Pretoria

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg

A former South African secret agent who was security adviser to the Government of the Ciskei bantustan was released from a mental hospital on the orders of a judge.

Majoor-General Tailleur Minnaar is being held pending a decision on his extradition to the Ciskei which is one of four independent black homelands. A former member of South Africa's Bureau of State Security, General Minnaar was security adviser to the Ciskei Government under Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, brother of President Sebe. Both were arrested in the homeland last month in a purge ordered by President Sebe after the discovery of a plot to overthrow him.

A police spokesman said in Pretoria that General Minnaar was wanted in the Ciskei on charges under the Explosives Act and Arms Act.

General Minnaar, who had been held in prison in the Ciskei after his arrest, arrived mysteriously at the mental hospital a week ago. In a note to the court he said that a woman doctor could find nothing wrong with him.

New York's hungry children

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Medical teams started examining 7,000 children in New York yesterday after investigators found malnutrition and disease among families living in hotels at the city's expense.

A check by New York state health officials found "significant rates of malnutrition and disease" among children living in conditions of "instability, squalor, violence and hunger".

The investigators reported: "The majority of children we saw were more than malnourished. They were weak, underweight, apathetic, diseased and suffering from serious and possibly irreversible physical and mental ailments."

The report comes at a time when hunger and the conditions of the poor are emerging as a national issue in the US and concern is growing over the effects of government cuts on the poor. President Reagan has ordered an inquiry into the level of hunger in the country.

The malnourished children in New York are in 2,100 families living in hotel rooms partly paid for by the city. They have moved from their own homes because of fire, eviction or inability to pay high rents. Many of the hotels they live in are squalid and infested with rats and insects.

For the hotel owners the homeless are good business. Owners charge rent for each individual at rates agreed with the city. On one rundown hotel a family of two parents and four children is charged £1,150 a month. But the city is allowed to give a family £145 a month for rent, a sum unchanged in eight years. A family also gets a food allowance because most of the hotels do not have cooking facilities.

Mayor Edward Koch, who ordered the examination of the children, said yesterday: "We take care of these people better than any other city, keeping them in hotels at great expense until apartments become available. Should we put them in the Waldorf Astoria?" He added: "It takes people to put that smell of urine in the hotels."

The scandal of New York's malnourished children focuses attention on the city's chronic shortage of low-income housing. The number of displaced families in the city is twice that of last year.

Honduras asks Reagan for permanent base

Tegucigalpa (Reuters) - Honduras is pressing for a permanent US naval base during the Second World War, now being set up in the country as a counter-insurgency training centre for Salvadoran soldiers.

● **AMSTERDAM:** The Dutch Government has forbidden the Royal Dutch Navy frigate *Van Nes* to join an American squadron on manoeuvres off the coast of Nicaragua (Robert Schell writes).

The *Van Nes*, together with a Dutch Navy patrol aircraft, will be joining the yearly American fleet manoeuvres near Puerto Rico for the next few weeks.

A squadron of six ships is to detach itself from the manoeuvres and sail for the coast of Nicaragua in impress, Managua and Havana, according to American officials, that the US is capable of stopping arms shipments from Cuba to Nicaragua.

likely place for a permanent base would be Puerto Castilla, a US naval base during the Second World War, now the site of a counter-insurgency training centre for Salvadoran soldiers.

Diplomatic sources said that permanent base would increase US military ties with Honduras, Washington's closest ally in Central America.

"It is a subject the Hondurans keep bringing up but which the US keeps ducking," said one diplomat, who asked not to be identified.

More than 5,000 US troops are flowing into Honduras now for the biggest war games ever held in the region. Two powerful naval fleets will be off either coast of the Central American isthmus as the exercises are held in conjunction with 6,000 Honduran troops.

Honduran military officials have denied plans exist for a permanent US base, but Colonel John Mrus of the US Army said on Friday that a joint decision would be taken on whether the training camp set up for the six to eight-month exercises should remain after the manoeuvres end.

The sources said the most

Satellite smasher to be tested

From Our Own Correspondent New York

The Americans are about to test a satellite smashing missile fired from a jet fighter.

The *Star Wars* type missile contains no explosive. The warhead, a cylinder about 1ft long is designed to lock electronically onto its target and to crash into a satellite at 30,000 miles an hour.

The test, according to *The New York Times* yesterday, is to take place shortly. An air Force spokesman said: "All I can say is that the weapon is non-nuclear and fired from an F15."

The 18ft missile is a two-stage rocket designed to be carried to a height of 18 miles by an F15 fighter before being launched in the direction of a satellite. The rockets speed it towards the target.

Minister quits

Ottawa (Reuters) - Canadian Mines Minister, Mr Roger Stinson, resigned after only 10 days in office citing 'personal reasons'.

Shagari's men lead Senate poll

Lagos (AFP) - With 77 of 85 declared results from last Saturday's federal Senate elections, the ruling National Party of Nigeria of President Shagari has won more seats than any other single party but looks likely to miss an overall majority.

By early yesterday the WPN had won 47 seats, and was expecting a few more from the undeclared results in the polls conducted in 17 out of the 19 states.

Senatorial elections were not held in the western states of Oyo and Ondo, former strongholds of Chief Obafemi Awolowo's Unity Party of Nigeria where the WPN's gubernatorial victories resulted in political violence last week.

All further elections in Ondo have been suspended until further notice while the senatorial polls in Oyo state and one district in adjacent Kwara state were postponed until September 10.

The UPN, the WPN's strongest rival, had won only 12 Senate seats, mainly from its western domain. The Nigerian People's Party led by Nnamdi Azikiwe, the former President, won its 11 seats from the party's eastern base.

The People's Redemption Party of the Muslim reformer, Mr Mallam Aminu Kano, who died earlier this year, lost the two gubernatorial seats it won in 1979 but took six senatorial seats in Kano state declared by the Federal Electoral Commission on Monday night. The Great Nigeria People's Party of Mr Wazir Brissau which came out of the gubernatorial polls empty handed, won a Senate seat in Kwara state.

S Africa reform debate axed

From Rav Kennedy, Johannesburg

A fierce row broke out yesterday over the Pretoria Government's decision to postpone a debate on its constitutional reform Bill, which is being fought through every one of its 102 clauses by the official opposition and the ultra-right Conservatives.

Since debate began three days ago on the committee stage of the bill, which has had its second reading, only 10 clauses have been approved. The Government has decided that debate and all amendments except those of the minister in charge of the Bill will fall away. The House of Assembly will sit late on Friday night and, for the first time for years, on Saturday morning to complete the committee stage.

There was speculation yesterday that the Government's decision could preclude an imminent announcement of a date for a referendum for whites on the constitutional plan, which will give South Africa three chambers of Parliament for whites, Coloureds and Asians.

Mr Alf Widman of the official opposition Progressive Federal Party accused the Government of breaking its pledges that "ample opportunity would be given to Parliament to discuss the most important bill to come before this house, certainly in our time."

Mr Widman said the official opposition was shocked that there had been no consultation before the Government took its decision. He and other Jewish MPs would be forced to sit on the subbench.

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Spain's Catholic schools feel the pinch

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's Socialist Minister of Education has begun to exert greater control, through the purse strings, over the many private schools run by the Roman Catholic Church.

In a ministerial order slipped into the official gazette the day after the holiday season, Señor José Maravall, aged 41, who has an Oxford doctorate in sociology, has set new levels of state subsidies to all church and other private schools from September 1.

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Last year state subsidies to all private schools for compulsory

education between six and 14 totalled 70,000m pesetas (more than £310m), double the figure the previous Centre Democrat governments found when they took over after the Franco years.

It was the neglect of state schools by that regime which produced the blossoming of the private sector over the past 25 years, not all of it up to standard. These are the business interests which now back Spain's Catholic bishops in their mistrust of Señor Maravall.

The subsidies will go up by only 3 per cent this autumn. The Private Schools Federation had asked for a 10 per cent increase, expecting the minister to give them 6 to 8 per cent.

A spokesman of the federation commented to *Ya*, the Catholic daily: "This is the beginning of the sinking of the private education system."

Señor Maravall's order has been immediately recognized as a forerunner of the struggle expected this autumn between the Government and the Catholic hierarchy when Parliament takes up his Bill, entitled *The Right to Education*, which includes far-reaching reforms to both primary and secondary education.

Positions have already been taken up. Mgr Gahino Diaz Merchan, chairman of the Bishops' Conference, has accused the state of seeking to supplant the basic "human rights" of parents to educate their children as they see fit.

Señor Maravall has declared that with limited public funds, "the right of every Spanish child to a decent education" must be paramount.

Continuing church influence over education was one of the demands made by the Pope when he visited Spain last November. Señor Maravall's order came just as a position

Face to face: Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, with Dr Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, in Cape Town yesterday. They discussed speeding the process towards independence for Namibia.

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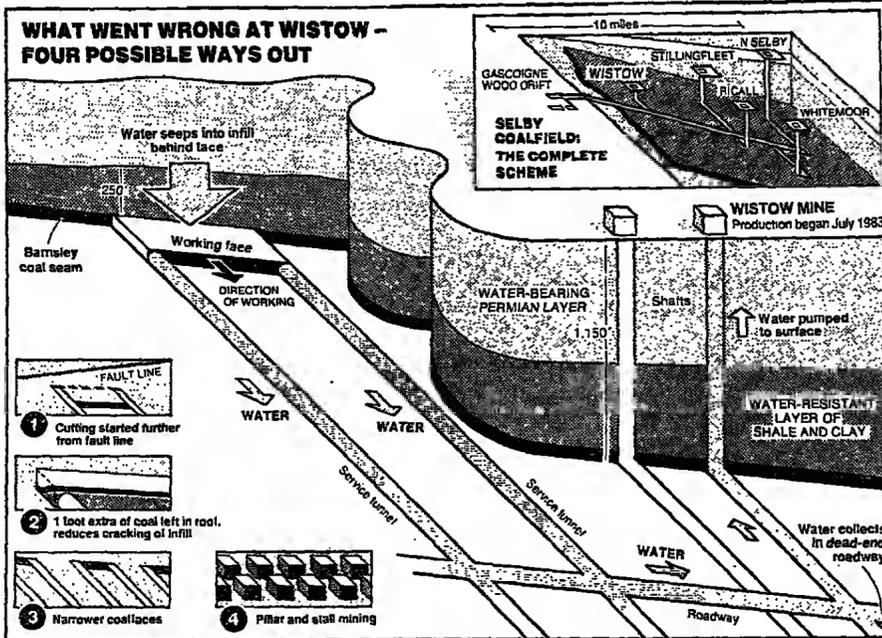
The new and prodigious Wistow Mine was producing coal at four times the national average speed when 18 million gallons of water suddenly flooded the NCB showpiece. The board, hoping to restart operations in a month's time, said the calamity was unforeseeable. Some experts disagree, writes Alan White

Pitting their wits against water

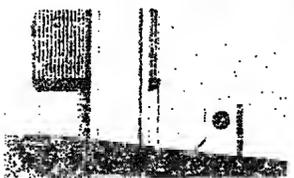
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Double trouble and yellow lines

We have already read trials of men who removed yellow clamps without asking the police's permission, but today we have something worse: a man who is accused of removing a double yellow line. Moreover is proud to print exclusive extracts from the trial. Police witness... was pointed on the road in 1980 by William Carstairs, a road-painter. It was the property of the Metropolitan Police. On July 14, I observed that a section of it was missing. Counsel: Where was it? Police: I don't know. It was missing. Counsel: Where was it missing from? Police: Sears Roebuck Road, W1, sir. Under the car belonging to the defendant, registration number SHEIK, IK. Judge: A curious number. Defendant: I hire it out a lot to Arabs, sir. It looks like SHEIK. They love it. Judge: Quiet! You will get your turn in a moment. Counsel: No further questions. Clerk: Call the defendant. Defendant: Here I am, sir. That was a short moment to be sure. Judge: Quiet! Defendant: I'm sorry, I was under the impression that it was my turn to... Judge: You speak when you are asked questions. Defendant: That seems fair. Fire away. Counsel: You are Seamas Daldy, of course? Defendant: I am that. Counsel: What is your profession? Defendant: In Ireland I was a motor dealer, sir, but I heard that there were any amount of openings on British TV and radio for bright men with Irish accents, so over I came. Sadly, things have not turned out as I hoped, and I am now forced to run a car hire firm with a turnover of many millions of pounds. Still, it's not the same. Not that I envy Terry, of course. Counsel: Quite. And on July 14 you parked your car in Sears Roebuck Road, W1, on a double yellow line? Defendant: No, sir. I parked my car there, but there was no double yellow line. Counsel: I suggest to you that you found the double yellow line when you arrived, that you scraped away the yellow line and then parked in the space thus formed? (Silence.) Judge: Well, Mr Daldy? Answer the question. Defendant: He hasn't asked me a question, sir. Judge: (Consulting notes.) True. Would you like to ask him a question, Mr Chambers? Counsel: Did you scrape away the yellow line? Defendant: No. (Sensation in court.) Counsel: (Breathily sarcastic) Are you asking the court to believe that the authorities had painted all of Sears Roebuck Road except the bit you wanted to park on? Are you seriously suggesting that a space the size of a car had specially been left? Do you want us to think that William Carstairs, road-painter, had left a gap for artistic effect? Can pigs fly? Is the moo made of cheese? What porridge ate John Keats? Judge: All right, Bill, steady on. You're too old to get rattled by the Irish. Counsel: I'm sorry, Colin. Things haven't been too easy recently. What with the wife leaving me, the children taking to drugs and Barbican Puzzle losing the 2.30 at Newbury, I've been under some stress. Judge: I understand, I had a couple of hundred on Barbican Puzzle myself. Defendant: A no-hoper. You should have had your money stacked on Glue Soffier, like I did. Judge: Quiet in court! This is intolerable. The court is adjourned. (More tomorrow.)



Far left: the Selby pithead and above, the revolutionary coalface cutter



There is no such thing as a routine Saturday morning in a coalmine only three weeks old: engineers and production workers are still feeling their way, testing new machinery, working out new procedures. But July 23 was as routine as might be expected.

Wistow Mine, first of five pits in the new £1,000m Selby Coalfield, had been turning out prodigious amounts of coal from the single face that had been brought into use three weeks before. Already, it was producing coal at four times the national average speed: a Yorkshire Television camera crew were 300 yards below ground, making a film on the mine's promising start. The crew were still filming when a cry, not of alarm, but of curiosity went up from the coalface. Water was seeping through the black wall of solid, high quality coal, standing eight feet high and 135 yards across. There was no panic, but the mine was cleared of all but essential staff.

Within hours of the first trickle, a torrent of 2,500 gallons of water a minute was pouring through the coalface, flooding a sizable part of the mine. The affair became public knowledge about 24 hours later; immediately, fears were expressed among management and workers that the situation might be hopeless, that a project on which the coal industry's future credibility and prosperity depended might end up as a giant underground lake.

Theoretically, it should never have happened. Even now, the National Coal Board admit they do not know why it did happen, and the only way they will find out will be by a series of cautious experiments now being planned at the NCB's North Yorkshire headquarters outside Leeds.

Almost the entire coalfield is overlaid by a thick blanket of water-soaked limestone, known to the NCB engineers as the permian layer. Between this and the coal are layers of other rocks, shales and clay which effectively seal in hundreds of millions of gallons of water or at least they do so until mining begins.

To get at the coal you have to go down through the water-bearing rock. If it is disturbed or broken in any way, the water is released. But the Wistow coal face should have been safe. The minimum safety limit is 160 feet between water-bearing rock and the coalface. At Wistow it was 250 feet, and to add to the safety margin, the coalface itself is a very narrow one.

Water always has been the hazard at Selby. It is a high investment programme aimed at having five "super-pits" working trouble-free high production coal faces and turning out thousands of tonnes a day. When complete, well over £1,000m will have been spent on it. Like many large projects, it is costing rather more than expected, and is coming on stream rather late. At Wistow, this is almost entirely due to problems with water.

The ground surrounding it was frozen, the hole excavated and then lined with a special costly grouting cement to keep it watertight after the surrounding rocks have been allowed to thaw out.

At one point, the surrounding rocks, balked at the cavalier treatment meted out to them by the NCB's engineers, began breaking up around the shaft, causing the entire cement lined tunnel to break away and start rising upwards.

UNTIL that Saturday morning they thought that they had beaten the water hazard apart from what miners dismiss as "nuisance water" - the trickles and small streams that trouble every colliery from time to time. But this was no trickle. As the alarm went up and the flow increased, a desperate search for spare pumps was set in motion all over the Yorkshire coalfield.

Lorries carrying ready-mix cement and lengths of piping turned up at the pithead. A newly-driven underground roadway, which will serve the third coalface to come into operation in a few months' time, was quickly turned into an emergency sump, capable of holding 20 million gallons of water, to save the rest of the workings from flooding.

At the worst moment, it was virtually bristling with 18 million gallons contained. It was no dramatic inflow, as in the infamous Lofthouse Colliery disaster of 10 years ago, but the sheer volume coupled with a seemingly endless flow of water caused several black moments for the rescue team.

For the moment at least, the battle has been won. Pumps are now taking water out more quickly than it is getting in. The flow of water has slowed considerably and the coal board say the mine should be working again within eight weeks.

The NCB team say the incident was not forecastable, and with any luck was a one-off affair, something which will probably not happen again, especially since, as the work progresses, the mine will gradually move into deeper and

deeper coal reserves farther away from the water-bearing permian layer.

This is not a view shared by every expert. Some engineers outside the NCB say it is difficult to decide whether the coal board is being totally open and honest about the affair.

The seriousness with which the NCB take confidentiality can be judged from an incident a couple of weeks ago, when a Yorkshire artist photographed a collection of new colliery negatives. He was asked for his film, and it was returned minus the headgear negatives.

Dr John Stocks, of the Royal School of Mines, commented: "This makes it very difficult to give any sensible answers about how this incident is likely to affect the future of the Selby project. The NCB play their cards very close to their chest."

"But this must have some adverse effects on their cash flow. The pit is not earning money and putting the damage right will cost extra money. The project has already been subject to some unexpected delay because of the Wistow shaft problem."

"There was considerable euphoria about the project 10 years ago when it was seen as the answer to a lot of problems. Selby is not the attractive proposition that it once was."

"Nor am I saying that this is something which will blight the whole coalfield, but it will almost certainly increase the cost of getting to some of the coal, and I would say there is every possibility of it happening again. I think it very likely they will have to modify their working practices."

In the past, the Monopolies Commission has also been critical of the NCB for making over-optimistic assessments about the coalfield's ability to earn a very high return on the investment. But an indication of how divided opinion is outside the coal board comes from Professor John Tunnicliffe of Newcastle University's department of mining engineering.

He agrees with Dr Stocks that flooding could happen again, but says: "I think the NCB will be able to work at the rate they want to cover the investment. I cannot see it having any great effect at all."

Whether the incident could have been forecast is also causing some debate. The NCB say it could not, some outside sources say the science of subsidence and geological dynamics is such that it should have been possible to predict the inrush.

Says one prominent geologist working in North Yorkshire: "I cannot see why they could not foresee this. They are the leaders in this field, and from the outside, it does not seem to be an exceptional geological circumstance."

This is disputed by Mr Michael Eaton, North Yorkshire area director of the NCB. "Even with the benefit of hindsight we do not think there was any way that this affair could have been predicted," he says.

He now has a list of options that gradually descend a ladder of desirability in terms of coal production and profit. Each potential remedy will be tried out in turn, and the success or otherwise of each step should give the mining engineers valuable clues about what caused the inrush.

To understand the proposed cures, it is necessary to understand the system of mining employed in the Selby field. It is a system known as "retreat mining" because the coalface gradually moves backwards towards the original starting point on one of the pit's underground service tunnels.

Basically, two parallel tunnels will be driven into the seam of coal. Selby's thick, pure seams are ideal for this. The tunnels are driven for a pre-determined length, and the space between them becomes the coalface.

Coal cutters move across the face, between the two tunnels rather like the shuttle on a loom. This leaves a void behind the coalface, and the strata above the coal seam is allowed to collapse, in a controlled way, into this empty space. It is this which causes the familiar mining subsidence.

At Wistow the width of the coalface is 135 yards, and by mining standards this is narrow. The width was chosen to keep surface subsidence in the Selby area to within one metre. Similar considerations mean that only between 50 and 60 per cent of the coal will ever be mined.

There is a real need to protect these animals, as the final article in this series shows Monkey turns professor

Cyril Rosen is a trim little man of indeterminate age who moves and talks briskly, even brusquely, like an impatient cynomolgus macaque. He is United Kingdom secretary of the International Primate Protection League (IPPL); he is, in fact, monkey nuts. Rosen met his first primate 25 years ago: an ailing West African monkey which he came across in the bedroom of a doctor's daughter. It had been a gift from the girl's fiancé and she - not being a monkey expert - kept it tied to her bed all day while she attended classes. At night it was given a few nuts, but it also began eating its tail (many laboratory monkeys also self-mutilate). It was about to be put down when Rosen took the animal into his own home and effected an arduous cure.



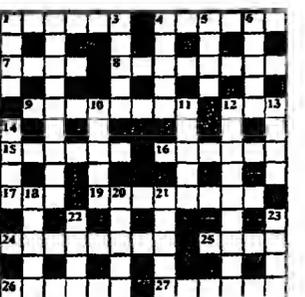
Reaching out for some creature comfort

"That monkey," he says, "became my professor of primatology. I thought I was doing the teaching, but all the time he was training me." That first friend died at the end of its natural span, but Rosen and his family have known many monkeys since, his home becoming something of a foster-pit for in-transit primates. Living with a monkey, Rosen says, requires a willingness to acknowledge another complex, sentient being and also to relinquish actual territory. "At one time man was defined as the only tool-using animal, then he was redefined as the only tool-making animal, then the only animal capable of conceptual thought. All these distinctions have dissolved and now we just do not know any more

where the boundary lies. I therefore think it is very dangerous to say we can do to primates what we wouldn't do to humans, because before very long we will do it to humans, if it is at all possible. This has happened in the past and it will happen in the future." There is a move towards developing alternatives. The Fund for Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments (Frame), with its roster of scientific members, is regularly assessing ideas and urging the application or further research into the better ones. The most celebrated monkey defence action to date was the undercover work accomplished by a young American, Alex Pacheco, at the Institute for Behavioural Research in Maryland. Pacheco, amassed a mountain of documents and photographs showing the abuse of the institute's primate colony, and so impressed were the local police that they initiated a raid, removing 17 of the macaques into protective custody and arresting the director of the project on cruelty charges. The director, Dr Edward Taub, is currently appealing against that cut-off and against his conviction on the charge of not providing medical attention. This was the only charge on which the state of Maryland could prosecute. The Taub case nevertheless placed primates at the centre of the liberationist stage. In the next 12 months Mobilization for Animals, embracing 400 welfare and protection groups around the world, plans to organize mass demonstrations at all the US primate centres and at major institutions overseas. Cyril Rosen believes that while these are substantial developments, ultimately the monkey's best hope lies not in mass action, but in plain economics. "What really stopped human slavery was the growth of the industrial society and the need for humans as purchasers rather than as

slaves. If monkeys become so scarce and expensive that they are an impractical tool for much routine work - as is becoming the case - then the alternative is to look for cheaper tools. Man is ingenious enough to find those other means." Some small conservation measures have been taken lately to preserve monkey. To complicate matters, however, there is now a host of programmes posing under the conservation label, yet which may be according to Rosen no more than dressed-up procurement projects: the source countries get half-hearted research and breeding aid, and America, in particular, gets the monkeys. Many of these projects are inspired by US government agencies, while the World Health Organization has also been drawn in to lend its own considerable leverage. The IPPL is undertaking what it believes to be a more effective approach to the scarcity problem. In Rwanda, for instance, it has helped set up anti-poaching patrols on behalf of the rare mountain gorilla, and in Gambia it supports a project through which orphaned US laboratory chimps are returned to the wild. These actions are perhaps dribbles against the general tide, of significance only to a supreme optimist. For the greatest problem that confronts the world's wild and captive primates is the one that imperils the rest of the globe - a plague of foolish humans. Andrew Tyler Additional reporting by John May (UK) and Lee Torrey (US).

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Barry Manilow arrived in England yesterday. Two women are ready for him

St Barry's disciples

"A bumper helping of Manilow to you all..."

Manilow is known variously as Mr Magic and The Housewives' Heart-throb.

"He's a very special person," Lynn said. "It's going to sound really corny to say that sometimes someone comes along who has that extra special charisma, but that's what Barry is."

The Sorbiton office of BMIFC (UK) is wall to wall Manilow mania with enough posters, photographs and mementos of BM to keep the 17,000 in a permanent swoon.

Before Mr Magic entered their lives, Mollie and Lynn were part-time secretaries. In 1978, they went to Barry's first British concert at the London Palladium and became so devoted that Arista, Barry's record company, asked them to take over his fan club.

"It was going to be a hobby," said Mollie, "just something we did a couple of evenings a week."

Lynn continued her office job for a while, clamping on empty carphones and wearing a busy expression as she did fan-club correspondence. She got the sack when this was discovered and then she and Mollie set up the Sorbiton club, funded partly by the 25 fan club subscriptions and partly by Barry's personal management company, which chips in with the odd Telet machine.

Last year, they went to all 14 United Kingdom Manilow concerts and organized conventions, includ-



Mollie, left, and Lynn: not completely fulfilled by motherhood

ing one at the Blackpool Pottins where the fans played Barry Bingo. The prizes were all something to do with Barry, like a Barry T-shirt, and the numbers were matched to his songs like "Forty-four, Break down the Door".

This year they took a party of British fans to the Chicago convention. In addition to editing Pretails, they order badges and car stickers - a sample on Mollie's Renault proclaims "Barry I Wanna Do It With You" - and reply personally to all letters. At the moment, they are heavily involved with the arrangements for Barry's only United Kingdom concert this year on Saturday at Blenheim Palace, some

of the 60,000 fans attending will be coming from as far away as Scotland. For such strenuous efforts, Arista and the fan club presented Mollie and Lynn with Barry Awards. "For Bringing Barry closer to us".

Mollie's daughters, aged 19 and 21, and Lynn's daughter, aged 18, and son, aged 14, have grown up living with Manilow mania. "In any case," said Mollie, "neither of us ever felt completely fulfilled by motherhood."

I asked why Barry was different from other heart-throbs, such as Tom Jones or Burt Reynolds. (Mollie and Lynn grimaced at the mention of those two). Lynn recently told Barry himself exactly

why he is so marvellous. "I'll try and explain it to you in the same way that I explained it to Barry," she said. "You see, what people love first about Barry is the music. Then they learn to love the man. His sex appeal is part of that love. With a sexy and manly h - it's not a lasting thing. With Barry, it's something so wonderful that his fans need to communicate their feelings to each other. Every weekend, somewhere in this country, you'll find a group of Barry's fans meeting together. "I don't think of it as a fan club. I think of it as a family."

Penny Perriek

Cleaning up the house. . . and the dirty phone calls

FIRST PERSON Beryl Huggill

The sunlit, honeysuckle-bowered Chelsea patio was littered with the leavings of the previous night's meal - green pasta lay congealed in a bright pink tomato sauce. Mounds of washing-up formed a greasy mountain in the kitchen: the hob swam in oil, brimming ashtrays, damp towels and dirty clothes made a trail from bedrooms to bathrooms and, not to put too fine a point on it, the khaki carpets in the hall and dining-room were coloured with the glistening droppings from two fluffy, cat-sized Maltese terriers.

If you thought that I had become some born-again slut in this bijou residence just round the corner from a certain person's home in Flood Street you would be wrong. The certain person would have been pleased to discover that I had priced myself into a new career and that the chaos that greeted me that hot morning was my task as a chat to clear up.

The venture had begun six months after my husband's sudden death and my failure to persuade potential employers that I was a dab hand as a press officer and journalist. Nine years out of full-time employment caring for my two sons meant that I was not greeted with alacrity at job interviews. There was nothing else for it - if I were to find the extra loot to pay the bills and to make life bearable by affording a bottle of wine to share among friends, I would become a Mrs Mopp.

What I thought was a carefully worded advertisement was placed in my local paper. It brought a mixed crop of responses. I had made the mistake, I think, of describing myself as energetic and got one half-hearted attempt at a dirty telephone call - did I do anything else (other than the light housework and child-minding which I had offered)? asked the male voice at the end of the telephone. I inquired what he had in mind and quickly added that I could cook. The gentleman wished me luck and rang off.

The advertisement elicited five other promising calls among the many in a variety of foreign accents that assumed I was offering rather than asking for work. One came from a local GP who wanted help with her nine-week-old baby for 25 hours a week, but who felt my request for £1.50 an hour excessive; three mothers who wanted to return to their jobs rang up but they had the same reservations about affording my services; another call came from a man with an Asian accent who grumpily told me he wanted someone to clean up his place. Finally, a brisk call came from the

owner of the Chelsea house who wanted me to help her with moving home, housework and the care of her seven-year-old son for a few weeks until a full-time nanny could be found.

So there I was, with cheerful Charlie from Sidcup, the builder and decorator, to keep me company. Charlie liked to play Radio 2 for background noise and he kept up an amusing and constant conversation with it. I supplied him with cups of tea, but not before I had settled my queasiness at the sight of the morning filth by clearing the kitchen and patio, and completed the first stage of shovelling up the eliminations of the household pets.

However, I was beginning to feel that certain satisfaction that comes with creating order out of chaos and a cup of tea later, shoved all the dirty laundry I could find into the

Parents arrived back from their money-making at around six o'clock and I was free to go home and begin my own round of cooking, cleaning and washing, enlivened by occasional writing of job applications or, more enjoyably, by friends visiting for a meal. By 11, I was ready for bed with that healthy tiredness that comes from physical effort.

One day, a rather dreary, plump girl from the Welsh border country arrived at the Chelsea house two hours early for her interview for the job of nanny. As I ploughed through the ironing, she made me a cup of tea and told me how she had a degree in English and was looking for work while she waited to reach the age when she would be eligible for a mature student's grant and could start a course in teaching.

As all the telephones in the house were locked ("getting mean in their old age", Charlie remarked), I rang the office from the pretty Victorian pub opposite to let my employers know that nanny had arrived for her interview. After the girl had been interviewed by dad in the local, she was taken on and was to start work the following week.

I saw her briefly only once more. She turned up in the afternoon of her first day having been, she said, to the National Gallery, while I had collected her new charge from school. But, in fact, she had been successfully looking for drugs and by six o'clock in the evening was what is known as "stoned". The search for a nanny began anew.

The same week a young West Indian girl, not long out of school, was employed. She had been hoping to work with mentally handicapped children, but failing that, had found this new job through a previous employer. She was gentle and somewhat shy, so I did not fancy her chances with the willful seven-year-old - but it did mean my own stint of housework and child-minding was over until I found other work.

As a way of life, charring can be rather solitary. But I did relish the feeling of fitness and energy it gave me; I even lost a few pounds in weight although that may have been more to do with the heatwave. The work is not, however, well remunerated.

Either way, if any reader of The Times thinks I have the makings of a superior femme de ménage and would be just the person to beautify a home, my experience has taught me to lay down certain conditions of service: no children under the age of 18 and definitely, very definitely, no animals who have not been trained to control their toilet habits. Where next? Perhaps Flood Street. . .

He expected me to bring him food on a tray

washing machine and went on to the next job of cleaning the two bathrooms and three lavatories with a will.

Bed-making and cleaning the floors usually took me to one and two o'clock when I would hang out the washing and face a pile of ironing until it was time to fetch the other household pet from school. Among a gathering of fashionable Chelsea mums and a sprinkling of au pairs, I waited at the tiny local primary school for my charge. He was obviously used to having his own way over everything, for despite my admittedly mild protestations, his favourite diet on arrival home seemed to be several dishes of ice-cream and jelly if available.

If, later on, he required a meal, he would shout down from the master bedroom where he was settled watching television and expect me to bring food up the stairs on a tray, old-style servant fashion. My attempts to entertain him included two visits to the swimming baths; and a game of ball in the street which brought a threat from an elderly neighbour to fetch the police.

TALKBACK

The young victims

From Mrs Ann Mitchell, Department of Social Administration, University of Edinburgh. In her picture of a group of fathers denied access to their children (Friday Page, August 5) Helen Masoo makes no mention of the children's feelings. As a researcher into children's own experiences of separation and divorce I have found that many children lose touch with their non-custodial parent (whether father or mother) because neither parent makes an effort to help the child keep in touch.

These children are hurt. "I suppose I would like to see him to tell him how I'm feeling on, but if he never phones. . . Some children are afraid of upsetting their custodial parent by asking how they contact the other. Children are often more aware of their parents' feelings than their parents are of the children's.

Incidentally, nine out of ten British courts give custody to a mother because the mother asks for custody and the father does not.

Social factor From Kim Stallwood, British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, Charing Cross Road, London WC2. John Skoyles is right to be concerned about the horrors which filled Victorian and Edwardian hospitals (Wednesday Page, August 17). But he misses the point. Our health has not improved this century because of animal experiments, but despite them.

The diseases of the nineteenth century were satisfactorily dealt with because of improved social conditions: housing, sanitation, clean water. The diseases of the twentieth century are largely degenerative because of our lifestyles and therefore self-inflicted. No one questions that two of the biggest killers - cancer and heart disease - are in the main a direct result of environmental causes: lifestyle, diet, pollutants and, accordingly, can be directly prevented by social changes.

Joanna Lumley is on holiday in Kashmir

The art of Asian vegetables

This week, and for the next three, guest cooks will be writing for this space. Madhur Jaffrey, whose television series on Indian cooking was a huge success last autumn, gives us a sneak preview of her forthcoming book. The recipes in "Eastern Vegetarian Cooking" (Jonathan Cape, October 6) come from the near and Middle East as well as from the Indian sub-continent

If there is an haute cuisine of vegetarian foods, it exists today only in Asia. A restaurant I know in Kyoto, Japan, serves the most delicate savoury custards in tall covered cups. Imbedded inside, the barely jelled gold, one may find a piece of wild mushroom or slivers of lemon rind and spinach. In Hyderabad, India, I have had tiny aubergines stuffed with a creamy mixture of ground besame seeds, tart tamarind pulp and an assortment of hot and sweet seasonings.

There is more, what about the stir-fried, asparagus that I had in Hongkong, glistening with drops of the outcast sesame oil or the heavy breakfast pancakes from South India that are flecked with mustard seeds? And what about chowmein, the ancient Indian, hot-sweet-sour-salty mélange of nuts, dried fruit, toasted grains and seeds?

Vegetarian food in Asia is as good as it is because communities such as the Hindus, Buddhists and Jains have been honing it and improving it for at least a thousand years. Theoretically, the emphasis among these groups has been on non-violence, piety and health. In actuality, what these vegetarians have been doing is to make their food so irresistibly delicious that nobody can keep their hands off it.

That includes me. I remember a Jain friend in school who sometimes brought boiled potatoes for lunch. That might not sound too promising. But then she peeled them, crumbled them coarsely with her fingers and, as we all drooled, took out a mysterious spice mixture from a packet and proceeded to sprinkle it over the potatoes. We all shared our lunches, but on the days my Jain friend brought her potatoes she tried her best to keep our greedy hands off them.

The vegetarian treasures that can be found in Asian cuisines are such a contrast to the dull and dry dishes that clutter up many of the so-called "health food" restaurants of the West. It was this, I suppose, that prompted me to write my new book on Eastern vegetarian cooking. This book is not just for vegetarians. Here are a few recipes from the book: Carrots with raisins and dates (Iran) Serves four

GUEST COOK



Madhur Jaffrey

- 5 medium-sized onions, peeled 55 g (2 oz) unseated butter 4 tablespoons raisins 4 tablespoons stored dates, cut in 7 mm (1/4 in) thick slivers 7 mm (1/4 in) thick salt 1/3 to 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon sugar

Peel the carrots and slice, slightly diagonally, into 7 mm (1/4 in) thick ovals. Cut the onion in half lengthwise, and then cut the halves crosswise into 7 mm (1/4 in) thick half rings.

Melt the butter in a 20 cm (8 in) frying pan over a medium-low flame. Turn the heat to medium and put in the carrots, onion, raisins and dates. Stir and fry gently for five minutes. Add the salt and sugar. Stir and fry for another four to five minutes or until the carrots are just tender and the onion is soft.

Lentil salad is made all over the Middle East. It can be stored in the refrigerator for several days and is excellent to take on picnics. Lentil salad Serves eight 450 g (1 lb) dried whole green lentils 1 teaspoon ground cumin seeds 2 1/2 teaspoons salt 4 spring onions 4 to 4 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 120 ml (4 fl oz) olive oil 30 g (1 oz) finely chopped parsley

In a large pot (3 to 4 litres/6 to 8 pints) combine the lentils with 1 litre/2 pints of water. Add the cumin, one teaspoon of the salt and bring to the boil. Cover, simmer gently for about 50 minutes or until tender. Remove the cover and let the lentils cool a bit. Slice the spring onions in very fine rounds half way up their green sections. When lukewarm, add the remaining salt, the lemon juice, and black pepper, oil, parsley, and spring onions. Stir and cool. Serve at room temperature or cold. Almost any fresh vegetable

may be used to make vegetable pakoris - flowerets of cauliflower, slices of aubergine, slices of peeled potato or sweet potato, onion rings, green beans, slices of green pepper, and even fiery hot red peppers. Pakoris should be eaten while they are hot and crisp or else they turn soggy.

Bhajjies - vegetable pakoris Serves four to six

- For the batter 155 g (5 1/2 oz) gram flour 3/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 3/4 teaspoon coriander 3/4 teaspoon whole a/wain seeds or whole cumin seeds 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1/3 to 1/2 teaspoon salt Vegetable oil for deep frying Vegetables

1 medium-sized potato, peeled and cut into 3 mm (1/8 in) thick rounds 1 medium-sized onion, peeled and cut into 3 mm (1/8 in) thick rounds 1/2 medium-sized sweet potato, peeled and cut into 3 mm (1/8 in) thick rounds 16 cauliflower flowerets, about 5 cm (2 in) long 16 green beans, trimmed 4 hot Italian peppers (optional)

Sift the gram flour, salt and bicarbonate of soda together into a bowl. Add all the other spices for the batter. Very slowly and gradually pour in 300 ml (1/2 pint) water, beating with fork or a wooden spoon as you do so. You should have a smooth batter. Heat the oil in a wok or other utensil for deep frying over a medium flame. The temperature of the oil should be between 180 and 190/350 to 375°F.

Put the potato slices into the batter. Lift out a handful with your fingers and let any extra batter drip back into the bowl. Now put these slices into the hot oil, as many as the wok will hold in a single layer. Fry slowly, about 7 minutes on each side. When the outside is golden brown and crisp, remove fritters with a slotted spoon and leave to drain on a mesh rack or on kitchen paper.

Separate the onion rings, put them in the batter, and fry them the same way as the potatoes. Do all the vegetables this way, dipping them in the batter, frying them, and then draining them. The hot peppers may be left whole. Ideally, as each batch is fried it should be eaten. Gram flour (made from chick peas) and a/wain seeds (which seem to combine the flavours of anise, oregano and a hint of black pepper) are sold in Indian food stores.

Advertisement for Gardner Merchant catering services. It features a grid of services including Catering Management, Consultancy, Vending, The Directors Table, Design Planning & Equipment Supply, and Tuck Shoppe. The ad includes contact information for Michael Oliver, Marketing Director, and a list of service offices nationwide.

How the devil could be proved right

Although it's academic at this season, I don't think I would go skating with Mr Len Murray. Last week the TUC general secretary's description of his first formal encounter with dreaded Norman Tebbit since the general election was that his team were "still testing the ice", which "hadn't broken yet".

When I went skating I think we tested the ice in the hope that it would hold, not in the hope that it would break. But the contrast between the definition of objectives and the assessment of progress was perhaps symptomatic of the tensions within the TUC about the propriety of supping with the devil in the first place.

On the morrow of the general election I found myself raking over the embers on the BBC World Service with Mr David Barnett, the Godfather of the Labour Party. I speculated that since the trade union movement existed to promote the interests of its members and not to chase the moonbeams of political power, either its present bosses would soon swallow their pride and get down to serious work with Mr Tebbit, or they would be replaced by those who would. I was sharply informed that I was displaying my ignorance of the union movement. Ah well, as we all know, six weeks is a long time in politics, and two months almost an eternity.

The agenda of last week's talks was judiciously chosen. The TUC has long professed to share, in principle, the Government's enthusiasm for cashless pay, and its distaste for legalized enforcement ought to strike an answering chord. As for the other item - the rate of pay for the Youth Training Scheme - the unions have been given an effective veto, for better or worse, and if the scheme is to get off the ground some meeting of minds will be essential. The more delicate matter of future industrial relations legislation was kept under wraps.

There is, however, or at least there may be, more to this than meets the eye. Years ago George Woodcock once commented to me that the unions sometimes found it easier to deal with Tory governments than with Labour, since Labour ministers claimed to know all about the unions, whereas Tory governments did not. But in the case of Norman Tebbit they are confronted with a Tory whose personal experience of the inner workings of British trades unionism exceeds that of many modern Labour leaders.

I indeed I have always suspected that this is precisely why the Labour Party has paid him the compliment of elevating him into an incarnation of evil. They can bear a Tory from the wrong side of the tracks. They can even, at a pinch, sit down with a

turcoat. But for someone who began his political career as a union activist (with Balpa, the pilots' union) to emerge on the Tory front bench is more than flesh and blood can stand. It is almost as if it would be for the Tory party if a Jockey Club steward signed up with the Tribune Group.

Yet it might not be so far-fetched to speculate about the possibility of Mr Tebbit eventually building up the sort of effective working relationship with the barons of the TUC which seems to have largely eluded his Tory predecessors since the late 1950s. I realize that this sounds paradoxical to the point of absurdity. After all, most of those predecessors, up to and including Jim Prior, yearned for a concordat with the unions not so very dissimilar from that of which Labour has frequently boasted - to such very little purpose. Norman Tebbit, on the other hand, has not exactly made a secret of his view that union leaders' notions of national economic management are hardly fit for the kindergarten.

But that is just the point. Slicing up the "national dividend" over whisky at Number 10 may do wonders for union leaders' egos. But they should by now have discovered that any resulting deals do almost as much damage to their authority over the rank and file as they do to the authority of government. Norman Tebbit, I would guess, would not be remotely interested in that sort of conversation (and he would be well advised to approach any bargaining over no-strike agreements in essential services with circumspection). His main message will concern the need to restore the real and effective responsibility to the leadership to those they claim to lead.

A poisoned chalice? A piece of cheese? That, for sure, is how it will be represented by gossamer such as Messrs Scargill and Jenkins, whose voices may yet prevail next month at Blackpool. For most of those present when the unions gather - certainly most of those to be heard and seen - are liable to be more reflective of the concerns of the 13 moles of Cowley than of the millions who supposedly go to make up their card-votes.

But Norman Tebbit can afford to wait. Sooner or later the TUC chiefs will recognize that the erosion of the union's power base cannot be attributed solely to unemployment, and that the more effective democratic accountability which the Government is pressing on them, while it may curb their personal styles, could in the end prove the only way to restore their credibility.

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Paul Pickering

Now the East is heading North

As the Year of the Pig reaches the midway point, Britain's Chinese population are already lumbering up their dragon dancers to usher in the perhaps poignantly named Year of the Rat. For more and more businessmen are leaving what they see as the sinking ship of their native Hongkong which is resigning itself to eventual communist rule. Many are heading for, of all places, Manchester.

Determined that their businesses are not going to benefit the Peking government, they are pouring money into the George Street area of the city. Plans to turn Manchester into a freetropolis just like Hongkong would help complete the process of Enter 'Dragon in deepest Lancashire.

Before long the new colonials could start to explore Bolton, Boodle and even Wigan. Annie Walker's Rovers Return will be brimming with bappy orientals hurling the odd batbet into the dartboard, electing Albert Tattler as Tai Pan and demanding fish and maw and jellied duck feet from an astonished Bet Lynch the barmaid.

"We've even now have Chinese-owned farms in Cheshire cultivating special Cantonese vegetables for our restaurants," said the chairman of Manchester's Chinese Education, Culture and Community Centre, Lorret Lee. "They grow winter melons and mustard greens. Last new year we borrowed a giant inflatable pig from Pink Floyd to celebrate; you should have seen it. I don't know what we will do this coming year."

An immense airborne rat may not have the same happy effect as it soars high above Balloon Street. "We have the longest dragon in England," adds the unstoppable Mr Lee. "It was the longest in the world at 185ft until Chinatown in Perth decided to add a foot to theirs for Prince Charles. We also have our own dance troupe, not like Gerrard Street in Soho.

"We are working hard to get the proposed Chinese consulate for Manchester. We have not been affected by the recession like Liverpool. We want a direct flight from Manchester to Hongkong, and there is talk of a freetropolis. Because of the uncertainty in Hongkong people are buying buildings here."

Hongkong itself could be the ultimate Chinese take-away, spirited around the world to Manchester. "Lots of businesses have started up and there is money coming in," said Douglas Rogers of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. "We now have a Chinese branch in Manchester with Cantonese-speaking staff and opening on Sundays."

A cheerful Arthur Wong of the city's Hongkong Government Office said: "I have heard about the freetropolis but nothing is officially

confirmed yet. But investment is flowing in. One man recently bought a whole block and intends to turn it into restaurants and laundries."

It seems there is nothing to stand in the way of the city's bright, Chinese-spiced future, especially if it achieves freetropolis status. Unfortunately not all of Hongkong's exports are happy ones. Many cities with a large Chinese community have problems with drug smuggling, prostitution and the Triad gangs, who send black-clad assassins to hack opponents to pieces.

A crispy duck vendor I know in Gerard Street tells me the way to spot a Triad member is by the insouciant manner he tips the tea leaves from his cup into the saucer.



Hongkong today, Bolton tomorrow? something that will get the right man 10 per cent knocked off the bill. The wrong move can be fatal.

At a recent Soho christening a king prawn that went down too quickly and was brought back was interpreted as an insult from the Peking Boys Triad to the rival K 14 Hongkong Boys Triad. One man was stabbed to death, another badly wounded and the Loon Fung restaurant was wrecked.

Mr Rogerson said: "The big difference between our community and London is that this one is straight. That is why the Chinese move here. But Amsterdam police have said many times that so many Triads went there because it had an affluent and peaceful Chinese community."

Mr Lee commented: "We do have conflicts, but we don't have the same kind of difficulties as Gerard Street." Mr Rogerson is confident that undesirable elements will be kept out of the thriving community.

"Pigs might fly," said my more cynical Soho friend. But then one already has, a large pink one, high above Manchester.

Don't just polish - abolish

by Ralph Harris

Aside from its success against inflation, Mrs Thatcher's government has made disappointing progress in restoring vigour to the economy. A start has been made with denationalization and trade union reform, but state spending has not been cut, local government is as big as ever and little has been done to free the labour market or to move welfare policy from universal provision to help for those in need.

I do not believe that, whatever the International Labour Organization's objections, we could not get rid of wages councils, which set minimum rates for almost three million people, mostly in retailing - 60 per cent of the adult rate at 16, against 20 per cent in Switzerland - and which gravely damage youth employment prospects.

It seems strange that a government which professes to support a market economy should not have taken positive action against impediments that raise unit labour costs (employment protection, national insurance, trade union restrictive practices); that obstruct mobility (rent control, regional development, council house subsidies) or that reduce take-home pay (high taxes on low earnings) to little, if anything, above social benefits.

In most cases, the Government has not changed its policies. It has been diverted from its objectives by legislature and bureaucratic obstruction.

Modern government is appallingly complex and has an insatiable appetite for legislation. In a single recent year, 70 new Acts of Parliament and 2,000 statutory instruments were spewed over 6,000

printed pages. Here is a major source of power for civil servants who can blind even the brightest ministers with almost incomprehensible legalistic jargon in which they, as narrow specialists, are always more expert.

Suppose a company had to get approval for amending its articles of association every time it wanted to change a price, alter a product, withdraw a service, borrow money or make any one of hundreds of day-to-day adjustments to its operations. Imagine the staff it would need, the delay and distraction leading to virtual paralysis.

Yet we would all agree that bureaucrats cannot be allowed the range of discretion in dispensing state resources and authority that businessmen enjoy in balancing the interests of customers and shareholders. Because there is no government equivalent to the commercial price-profit system to keep civil servants in check, we have ceaseless legislative amendment and intolerable pressure on the parliamentary timetable to permit tardy adjustment to changing circumstances or a new government's policy.

These necessary restraints are so lethal to flexibility and change that government should be confined to the barest minimum of functions which it has to finance through taxation because a free market cannot provide them. The cumbersome processes of amendment and reforms should therefore take second place to outright repeal of unnecessary, obstructive statutes.

Like the Mikado's Lord High Executioner, the non-party repeal group in the House of Lords has "a little list of society offenders that never would be missed". In addition to the job-destroying wages councils, our targets include the restrictive Shops Act, the antique Truck Acts, the paternalistic licensing laws, such monopolies as the solicitors in conveyancing and opticians in selling spectacles, to say nothing of the Rent Act that have shrunk the housing market and still impede the mobility of labour.

We are left with the problem of reducing taxes as the golden route to reducing costs throughout the economy and sharpening incentives, especially for the lower paid to work rather than live off social benefits. To search out savings, we should examine every welfare and local government service now provided "free" and ask why most people should not choose and pay through direct fees and insurance rather than indirectly through inflated taxes and rates. The way to help the poor is not to give everyone else free services but to top up low incomes and reduce everyone's taxes.

The aim should be to halve public expenditure and reduce total taxation to the safe limit of 25 per cent of national income. A subordinate aim is to restore politics to a part-time job suitable for gentlemen and lords, that is for unpaid amateurs who have to earn their living in the real world and pay their share of (lower) taxes like the rest of us.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

For Liberals read lemmings



David Steel, combining Jn Grixnaod's attractiveness with the toughness of Jeremy Thorpe; and now attacked by the power-haters in his ranks.

A week that has seen Mr Roy Hattersley claim, in soliciting votes as leader of the Labour Party, that he is "the candidate of the hard truth" (no doubt, as his chances of winning slip away, he is becoming desperate, but I do not think that, however desperate, Van Gogh would have called himself representative of the colour-blind. Brendan Behan insists on being known as the avatar of unwavering totalitarianism, or St Athanasius declared that his wish was to go down to history as the embodiment of indiscriminate fornication), is hardly a time for me to enjoin a greater sense of realism upon the Liberal Party. Still, if I don't, who will?

Opinions differ as to whether Mr Steel has been suffering from influenza, depression or prolonged contemplation of Mr Cyril Smith; whatever the cause, however, it is clear that he is feeling distinctly out of sorts. But the only surprise in that news is that he has not suddenly announced that he is a poached egg and been removed to the funny-farm by a couple of sympathetic but firm attendants in clean white overalls. Or to put it another way: if Mr Steel is not suffering from a depression so profound that it could scarcely be shifted by a couple of gallons of valerian injected straight into the *medulla oblongata*, why the devil not?

Hark. We are barely ten weeks past an election which saw the most momentous shift in political allegiances since well before the establishment of adult suffrage. As Mr Shore (who must be even more desperate than Mr Hattersley but at any rate has not declared himself the apostle of unquenchable optimism and an ever-smiling countenance) has taken to pointing out, the Labour Party in that election lost very considerably more deposits than it had lost in the previous 11 general elections put together, and even he has not thought it worth drawing the attention of his party to the fact that they have already added one more to the total, at the Penrith by-election. Opinion-poll questions about voting intentions are not of great significance several years before the next general election; still, for what it is worth, Gallup has just found that the Alliance is four points ahead of Labour. Not content with all that, Labour is steaming towards the election of Mr Kinnoch as party leader, and it is now by no means impossible that they will come up with Mrs Thatcher's dream ticket by picking Mr Meacher as his deputy. Meanwhile, pocket calculators are everywhere growing red-hot in Labour hands as their users work out the chances of the "hard left" capturing a majority on the NEC at the autumn conference, an American called Billheimer has been

entrusted with the job of throwing out of Bradford Labour Party those members judged guilty of lese-Militant and the welkin echoes with the sound of prominent Labour figures reaffirming their commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament, withdrawal from the EEC, and the nationalization of the means of production, distribution and exchange.

On the morrow of the election, I pointed out - and it required no great skill in divination to do so - that the meagre number of seats gained by the Alliance should be ignored, and attention concentrated instead on the almost incredible number of votes which they had attracted and which showed to the least discerning eye that the shape of British politics had changed fundamentally. And it is at this precise moment, with the Opposition terminally diseased and the Alliance, if its leaders and members can only keep their heads, perfectly placed to overthrow Labour at the next election and to win the one after, that the Liberals have apparently decided to embrace eutanasia.

Criticism of Mr Steel and his leadership is widespread; some of his members are demanding that he should not be allowed the final control over the contents of the party manifesto that he at present enjoys; others are insisting that the thrust of the party's policy is entirely misplaced, and that they should go to the country next time on a

programme of repairing cracked paving-stones in shopping-precincts and saving the whale; others again think that the whole idea of the Alliance was a mistake and that if it had not been for their SDP allies the Liberals would have won the election outright; I am quite sure that the members of the constituency party in Liverpool who insisted on putting up a Liberal against the Alliance's official SDP candidate and thus gave the seat to a member of the Militant Tendency still feel proud of themselves and would do it again if they had the chance. And did I mention that when Mr Steel hinted that he would resign if his manifesto veto was removed, Mr Smith cheerfully declared that any more such hints would result in the party accepting the proffered resignation? No wonder Dr Owen is resisting the idea of a full merger of the two parties; who wants to be a Siamese twin with a brother who insists on drowning himself?

What is it about parties and politicians of the left, particularly the moderate left, that seems to make most of them instinctively reluctant to seek power, so that however passionately they state their intentions of winning, their actions, again and again, betray them to defeat? The only thing that was absolutely certain about Sir Foot's leadership of the Labour Party, and for that matter Mr McGovern's selection as Presidential candidate by the Democratic Party, is that they

would end in electoral defeat. Their parties must have known that, yet they chose, open-eyed, men with the stamp of inevitable failure upon them. Why?

There, as a matter of fact, an answer to that question; deep in the psyche of the left there is a belief, in itself by no means ignoble, that power is corrupting, and that the left was put on earth to resist corruption and to purify. In office, they must rub against the inevitable contamination of reality, where bills have to be paid and Christmas comes but once a year; in opposition, they can dream of a world in which water - or rather milk and honey - flows uphill and the sun never ceases to shine.

Which is all very well, but as Mr Healey asked a Labour Conference long ago, before he decided to become just another Hattersley with a ruddier complexion, whose half loaf are you giving away? In the case of Labour, the half loaf of all those who fear modern Conservatism and believe only Labour can give them protection against it; but Labour is finished, however unconscionable a time it takes a-dying. Is this the moment for the Liberals to start prying coffins?

Mr Grimond could never teach the Liberal Party the time of day; his was far too gentle a character. Mr Thorpe was made of sterner stuff, but the hour had not struck. In Mr Steel the party has a leader who combines the attractiveness of the former with the toughness of the latter (look at the consummate ease with which he diddled the SDP out of anything remotely resembling a fair share of winnable seats), but because he knows what politics is about and how success in it can be achieved, he is now under attack from the power-haters in his ranks, who are half in love with careful death and still convinced that if only they explain to the nation frequently enough how site value taxation works the nation will troop into the polling-booths and vote for it. (Will all those Liberal correspondents who wish to explain it to me kindly put SVT in the top left-hand corner of the envelope so that my secretary can throw their letters away unopened?)

"Be friends, you English fools, be friends; we have French quarrels now, if you could tell how to reckon". Though the Alliance, to succeed, must replace Labour, it is the Tories they will be fighting when they have done so. Mrs Thatcher, having seen Labour quaff the hemlock and not even make a face, is now standing by as the Liberals apparently prepare to swallow what is left in the cup. Surely it wasn't a damaged retina for which she needed surgery; it was a simple inability to believe her eyes.

But in a country where the president has as much power, in the words of an American ambassador in the 1970s, as a latter-day Louis XIV, most students of the political scene agree that, however zealous President de la Madrid may try to be in his "moral renovation" crusade, he will spare the man in whose cabinet he served from 1979 to 1982.

Academics who have written on the subject believe that the institution of the presidency is so venerated in Mexico that any punishment dealt out to former President Lopez Portillo would rebound on Señor de la Madrid himself, inevitably undermining his own presidential status.

John Carlin

The heat is on, but the Sun King stays free

Mexico City. Many people are convinced that when he completed his six years in office last December former Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo had become one of the world's 10 richest men.

Whether this is true or not the fact is that most Mexicans believe it, an index of the way official corruption is viewed in a country where, according to the figures, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party has won at least three out of every four votes cast in the last half century of general elections.

"They are all thieves from the president down", is a commonplace heard up and down the country from Mexicans of every social class. Very conscious of the disrepute in which the government of his predecessor was held, the current President, Miguel de la Madrid, came to power on December 1 last year pledging vociferously to set about "the moral renovation" of Mexico.

But Mexicans had heard all this before. Señor Lopez Portillo had made the same promises when he rose to the presidency in 1976.

"We will hold off on the bribes for a couple of months, then it will be back to business as usual", was the word among officers of Mexico City's notoriously corrupt police force at the end of last year. Few Mexicans doubted this would prove

to be the case for corruption generally in their country.

But now, nine months into President de la Madrid's government, that scepticism has turned out to be a little unjustified. Yes, policemen do continue with their time-honoured extortion of money from offenders; at the end of every month the government still provides journalists loyal to its political line with cash-crammed envelopes; and senior officials persist in indulging in lavish dinners at a time when the bulk of the population have been entreated to tighten their belts for the good of their country's economy.

Nevertheless, there have as yet been no major allegations of corruption among officials in the present administration and, more to the point, President de la Madrid has been meeting out harsh retribution to members of Señor Lopez Portillo's government.

Most spectacularly, the popular press having layed long for his blood, a childhood friend of Señor Lopez Portillo's was recently jailed for an alleged multi-million dollar fraud.

Described by Portillo as "an exemplary Mexican", the former head of Mexico's nationalized oil company, Señor Jorge Diaz Serrano, was locked up in a Mexico City jail on July 30 pending trial for the alleged filching of US\$34m (about £22m) on the purchase of two oil tankers.

The 62-year-old Diaz Serrano lives in a red-carpeted cell, has a television set and has his food delivered every day by a man who arrives at the gates of his prison in a luxurious grey limousine.

The Mexican Attorney General recently revealed that Señor Diaz Serrano owns at least 15 homes - one with a private runway - in Mexico, the United States and France. Nevertheless, Diaz Serrano insists that he is innocent. In a recent newspaper article written from prison, he said that never had he been able to sympathize so fully with the characters in Kafka's novels.

If President de la Madrid is serious about "moral renovation", it is being whispered, why does he stop there, why doesn't he bring former President Lopez Portillo to justice too? And not just Lopez Portillo but other of his colleagues in what is generally considered to have been an immensely nepotistic administration.

Lopez Portillo recently left Mexico for one of the many houses he is said to own in Spain in a private jet owned by his close friend and mayor of Mexico City under his government, Señor Hank Gonzalez. Señor Gonzalez is known to have a huge multi-million dollar mansion, among a host of other properties, in the United States.

Another old friend of Lopez Portillo's is Mexico City's former



THE TIMES DIARY

Up in smoke

A weekend foray to Hampshire showed that, not content with grubbing up hedges, farmers are now burning them down. Miles and miles have gone as ill-controlled straw-burning fires swept across bridle paths and by-roads, sometimes invading gardens and even threatening houses. Fire brigades have been so hard pressed that reinforcements have had to be summoned from neighbouring counties, to protect agricultural lands and buildings which pay no rate. From all parts of the county I see complaints of the sun obliterated by the pall of smoke overhanging the countryside. In a national Burn Straw contest, four-fifths of the competing farmers showed ignorance of the basic National Farmers Union code, not knowing the maximum areas for fires, the required width of firebreaks or the penalties for offensive fires - though those can be up to a £1,000 fine, under local by-laws, or two years' imprisonment under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Clown and gown

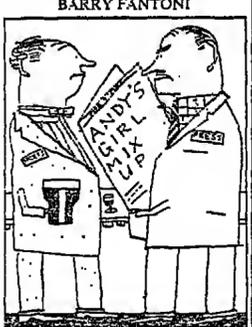
We may be going down laughing. Study of the evening classes brochures suggests the recession has brought us to the verge of a renaissance of clowning. A series of courses offered by the City Literary Institute includes "Clowning, Finding a Character" and "Clowning, Building an Act". It also offers a course in juggling and another in acrobatics. Clowning courses are also available at Barrow Hill School, NW8, where clowning and juggling will be taught together. Time could be short.

Blank prose

We have just received for review from Blackwell's a volume entitled *Reconstructing Literature*, edited by Professor Laurence Lerner. We only know this from the jacket, because this piece of literature is so much reconstructed that the title page is blank, and so is every page to p26. Then you reach the chapter "The Fallacy of the Abolished Author". Fallacy it may be, but they are doing their best.

Just imagine

Another publisher getting its pages in a twist is Methuen. The entire print run of Tony Coult and Baz Kershaw's *Engineers of the Imagination* is having to be recalled because it was delivered with the pages printed the wrong way round. This is a pity because the book was meant to be sold during the current London International Festival of Theatre. It explains the theatrical effects obtained by Welfare State International in their show *Raising the Titanic*.



It's about time they got Who's Who illustrated?

Bitter twist

The religious book publishers, Lion Publishing, are importing a list in the autumn export edition of *The Bookseller* as producing a children's book called *Thank You for a Drink of Milk*. The proof reader should have read St Peter: "Like new-born babes, long for the pure spiritual milk..."

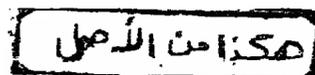
● A warning on a pay packet reads: "Note Carefully - If money in packet does not agree with Net Wages, at once inform the Paying Officer before breaking seal" (their emphasis). No, it was not issued by an Irish company.

Precisely

In Mobile, Alabama, preparations are under way for a British Faire in October. The *Mobile Press Register* reports: "The Society for Creative Anachronism will recreate live presentations... in an exhibit called Kings and Queens of England." "Relationships will be made to every instance, such as Mobile's Athelstan Club", said Lee McCoy, who is in charge of promotions for the fair. "Athelstan was King of Wessex and grandson of Albert the Great who reigned in the 10th century."

When I announced a competition to design a symbol for the European Currency Unit (ECU), I did not know that someone had already done the job. John Chambers, head of the special projects section of the BBC engineering research department, devised this symbol for the ECU four years ago when compiling a complete list of characters for a teletext system to cover all European languages. His symbol appears, with "temporary" status, in documents of the European Broadcasting Union and International Radio Consultative Committee. It is not my winner though. That I shall announce tomorrow.

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING

One of the ambitions of the incoming Conservative Government in 1979 was to cut the trade unions down to size...

The other part of the process was to fend off disruptive trade union militancy on the shop floor...

GDANSK THREE YEARS ON

The efforts of the banned trade union Solidarity to mark the third anniversary of the Gdansk accords and to protest at the government's refusal to consider discussions with Lech Walesa...

It is questionable what impact the go-slow can have when the sluggish Polish economy has been in bottom gear since the imposition of martial law in December 1981...

PAKISTAN'S PATCHWORK OPPOSITION

Ever since the country was prised from British-ruled India, Pakistan has been hampered by internal quarrels. Two of the issues are basic to the national consensus that is required if the state is to prosper...

Now the quarrels are erupting again with protests against martial law, sometimes in peaceful civil disobedience but frequently turning to sabotage and rioting...

obviously, be welcomed without reservation. Even when cut down, however, the size of the trade union interest remains pretty big...

When Mr Tebbit met Mr Murray and his colleagues last week to discuss certain strictly practical questions about the Youth Training Scheme...

merely proves that the regime's earlier claim that he was a "has-been" is as unfounded as its present allegations that he is a millionaire trade-union tycoon...

Moscow looks with a jaundiced eye at developments in Poland since martial law was officially ended, but has produced no constructive suggestions for dealing with the situation...

possibilities of a solution for Afghanistan. This has increased his stature, though also his feeling that he cannot relinquish his power...

Despite such progress that will be directly beneficial to Pakistan's stability, internal discontent may now be growing again. In dealing with such disaffection General Zia has hitherto been more tolerant than Mr Bhutto ever was...

Yet if one looks at the country's political scene, laced with small parties adhering to Islamic principles, or the more secular following attached to Mr Bhutto's legacy...

To some extent the Russian move into Afghanistan in December, 1979, changed the scenery of Pakistan's politics...

a shadow council of state where trade union dignitaries may sound off on anything from relations with Chile to the contents of a wealth tax...

Unruffled harmony in managing affairs of state is not to be expected; but neither is unnecessary discord to be welcomed...

Incidentally, we are not "wasting resources" acquiring an Atlantic capability if you wish to concentrate on the defence of the Baltic and North Sea...

While the "sober-minded" clergy were prepared to cooperate with the government, others made "virulent anti-socialist sermons" and promoted conflict with the authorities...

The Soviet leadership would be delighted if the Polish church could be further divided over its attitude to Solidarity and the regime. Under Cardinal Glemp the church has given less firm guidance than under Wyszynski...

Bishop Tokarczuk has demanded a return to "truth, justice, freedom and peace" as the only way to encourage Poles to work harder. These are certainly the aims of Solidarity but General Jaruzelski has not persuaded the population that he shares them...

As has been written before in your columns, the loss when an historic collection is sold up is far greater than the sum of the individual works that vanish from their original place...

These increasing dangers can largely be traced to the continuing refusal of governments to consider again the problems of death duties, VAT and other financial blights...

German role in forward defence

From the Defence Attaché of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. Sir, Your leader of August 17 expresses a view on forward defence...

Forward defence is an essential element of Nato's time-tested strategy. The presence of German and Allied armed forces on the territory of the Federal Republic...

You rightly point out that the security of the United Kingdom ultimately depends on the strength of Nato's central front. Withdrawing BAOR from forward defence would decisively weaken this cornerstone of common security...

Body and mind. From Dr J. W. Poulley. Sir, The Headmaster of Giggleswick School (August 12) is right to be critical of the selection procedure to medical schools...

I agree with Professor Campbell (August 12) that the dangers of this retreat from orthodoxy are great, both in terms of missed diagnoses, mismanagement, and unscrupulous financial exploitation. Nevertheless, the National Health Service and scientific medicine are also costly...

Belton House sale. From Mr Stephen Jones. Sir, Mr Hoos's concern (August 18) for his family's house, Belton, is admirable on both a personal and a public level...

Those of us who work in the art world know that the tragic threat to a great house, complete with its collections, as Belton is, is a constantly recurring danger...

Chatsworth drawings. From Professor Michael Kitson. Sir, You report (August 17) that the Duke of Devonshire's Fine Arts Trust is negotiating to sell 74 Old Master drawings from Chatsworth direct to the British Museum...

Soviet chess tactics. From the President of the Fédération Internationale des Echecs. Sir, May I refer to the report of your Moscow Correspondent (August 10) on Gary Kasparov's loss of his candidates' semifinal match against Victor Korchnoi by default?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dilemmas facing the planners

From Professor Gordon E. Cherry. Sir, Mr Michael Cross (August 17) is commenting on your leader of August 8, calls for policy analysis to identify new options in strategic and land planning...

The Soviet challenge. From Mr J. C. Greig. Sir, As a constituent and supporter of Matthew Parris I was rather puzzled by his letter of August 20...

and what he is not communicating openly, but has every right to expect a competent doctor to pick up. Medicine has only itself to blame for the present situation because of its refusal to acknowledge the place of psychiatric medicine in the training of doctors...

CDC in Philippines. From Mr Tom Clarke, MP for Monklands West (Labour). Sir, Several times since I was elected to Parliament in June of last year I have tried to focus the Government's attention on human rights in the Philippines...

Cold front. From Mr D. P. S. Graham. Sir, In common with The Times and a few other "responsible" newspapers, Independent Television shows charts of weather expected each day in every area of our small islands...

Sighting the mole. From Mr Ray Edwards. Sir, With its history of problems associated with the activities of the politically motivated British Leyland was bound to be extremely sensitive to any development that took their industrial relations back to the pre-Edwards era...

Saving youth hostels. From Mr James W. Godfrey. Sir, I endorse Councillor Freddy's letter (August 19) regarding the survival of youth hostels. As a keen senior life member I am extremely concerned about their future...

Missing the point. From Mr G. A. K. Robinson. Sir, I was away on holiday in Wales when Mr Yorke wrote whatever he did to the absence of punctuation on signs and I am sorry I missed this letter (August 9). Literacy, particularly public literacy, is a subject dear to my heart...

members that had ever been obtained for a candidates' semifinal match, and the UAE had made the only offer conforming with Fide (Fédération Internationale des Echecs) regulations to organize the Ribli-Smyslov match in Abu Dhabi...

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Duke of Edinburgh is to be the first patron of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. W. Partridge and Miss E. F. Blackmore. The engagement is announced between Bill, only son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Partridge...

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Birthdays today

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Tower Bridge and tenement take awards

Tower Bridge, London, and a Glasgow tenement are among five historic buildings to receive the British Tourist Authority's heritage awards...

Commemorative service

The Royal Assent to the Emancipation Bill given on August 28, 1833, will be commemorated in Westminster Abbey...

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Dr Walter Bodmer, FRGS, to be a trustee of the British Museum...

University news

Oxford Professor Keith William Morton, MA (Oxford), PhD (New York), professor of applied mathematics at Reading University...

Reception

Mr Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, President of the Pakistan Association of World Foodists gave a reception yesterday evening at Dartmouth House...

Archaeology

Welsh cave yields another secret

Further early human remains have been found at a cave in Wales, where last year parts of two Neanderthal children were discovered...

Science report

Changing the story of Samson and Delilah

Medical research scientists believe they are close to unravelling the cause of a group of illnesses which have long baffled doctors...

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TV-am will mark its astonishing recovery in popularity next month by joining the ITV companies' club...

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Reprieve for Victorian church

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Conservationists have secured a last-minute reprieve for a notable Victorian church in Bristol which was already in the hands of demolition contractors...

The issues raised by the case have again drawn attention to the anomalies surrounding the preservation of notable Non-conformist church buildings...

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Without commenting on the Bristol case, the Rev Bernard Thorogood, general secretary of the United Reformed Church, said he would initiate an approach to the Government through the Churches' Main Committee...

He envisaged a system to preserve redundant Free Church buildings which would be funded partly by Government, partly by the local community...

On all sides the problem is seen as one likely to occur more often in the future.

Several experiences in recent years have brought home to the non-Anglican denominations that considerable local unpopularity can be generated if they try to solve the problem of surplus buildings by demolition.

The church is often the one building of character in that locality. They are also approaching the end of their useful life as structures, however, and changes in population have usually reduced the size of congregation to the point where it is scarcely viable.

At the same time, fashion in town planning has changed from preferring wholesale removal of such areas towards rehabilitation of the area with the buildings intact.

The Department of the Environment is expected to publish a consultative document on the preservation of redundant ecclesiastical buildings later this year.

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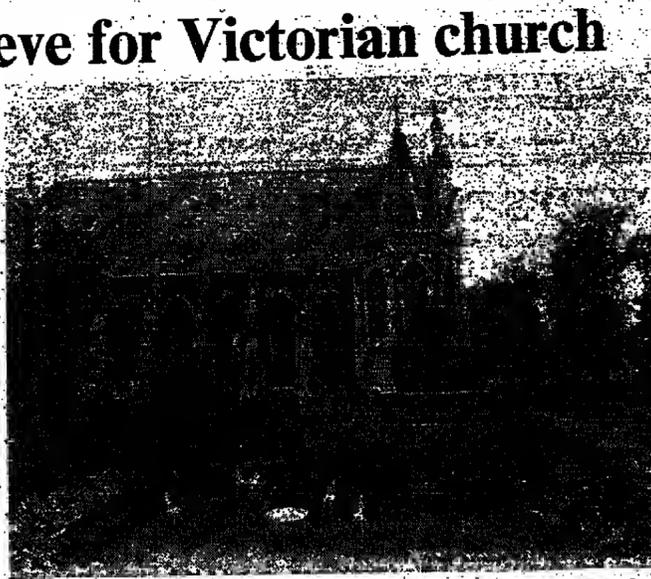
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Captain Kenneth Snow (right), the new commanding officer of HMS Hermes, was joined aboard the aircraft carrier at Portsmouth yesterday by three of his predecessors. The ceremony in which Captain Snow took over command from Captain Roger Dimmock (left), coincided with the changeover of Flag Officer Third Flotilla in which HMS Hermes is the senior ship.

Rear-Admiral Dick Fitch (second right) assumed command from Vice-Admiral Derek Reffell, who becomes Flag Officer, Naval Air Command. Both are former commanding officers on Hermes. Vice-Admiral Reffell has a total of 13 years' service on the carrier in every rank from midshipman to commanding officer.

BBC launches new season on wave of culture and comedy

Roger Daltry, the rock star, in The Beggar's Opera, Lenny Henry, the black comedian, in drug, and Penelope Keith, the actress, in a passionate love affair with a man 16 years her junior are among the surprises in the BBC's autumn schedules announced yesterday.

A four-part showing of The Godfather, including the two feature films plus additional footage, and a complete one-day screening of Gone with the Wind are also promised before the end of the year.

The BBC is boasting 33 new series to begin this autumn, along with more than fifty old favourites and nearly 1,500 "origination" programmes wholly made by the BBC during the season starting on September 3.

The Beggar's Opera, starring Roger Daltry of The Who, is a special production by Jonathan Miller. There is also an Opera night on BBC-2 including two Glyndebourne productions. The BBC marathon Shakespeare project continues with Macbeth and Pericles, and there are new adaptations of the classics Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte and Mansfield Park by Jane Austen, the first time this novel has been dramatized for television.

A new situation comedy series, Sweet Sixteen, stars Penelope Keith as a wealthy widow running a building company she has inherited and romantically involved with her younger than herself. Light entertainment favourites Jasper Carrott and The Two Ronnies also return in new series.

An epic 10-part drama series set in the English Civil War, By the Sword Divided is being made on location at Rockingham Castle, Northants, for screening this autumn. More downmarket American favourites to return are Dallas, in its sixth series, and Knots Landing in its third.

The current affairs department promises the first live coverage of all four party political conferences on BBC-1, plus the CBI and TUC conferences, and the new daily programme 60 Minutes to replace the old Nationwide.

The BBC's exclusive look inside Westminster The Great Palace - the story of Parliament, in which Mrs Margaret Thatcher shows where many of her major decisions are made and Viscount Tonyandpy (formerly Mr Speaker Thomas) takes viewers on a conducted tour of the Commons chamber, starts in November.

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Tamblin trained as a naval architect at Royal, in Fife, before entering the aircraft industry. He worked in several companies, including Blackburn Aircraft and Handley Page, before joining De Havilland in 1936. His experience of metal construction was of considerable help to De Havilland in designing their first all-metal airliner the DH95 Flamingo under Mr R. E. Bishop.

During the Second World War Tamblin was put in charge of the DH98 Mosquito wing design, and was later responsible for the design of a large number of Mosquito developments. This included the modification of this versatile aircraft, in particular to produce a type carrying a 6lb gun and another carrying a 4,000lb bomb. Later he developed a folding wooden wing and a folding fuselage for the structural design of the DH106 Comet wing, and in 1951 he took over the design of the DH114 Heron light transport aircraft.

Later in 1951 he was appointed to the aspired division of De Havilland at Christchurch as chief designer. In the following years he was responsible for the work on a large number of DH military types and projects, including development of the Venom fighter and the DH10 aircraft which he modified extensively for naval application, and which became known as the Sea Venom.

At the end of the 1950s he returned to Hatfield to take up work on the 125 business jet and on several design projects, including early studies for a jet feederliner.

He survived by his wife and two daughters.

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He was born in Berlin in 1904 and, after education at Freiburg, and Berlin universities, went into the chemicals industry. In 1937 he left Germany as a refugee from Nazism and came to Britain. In the same year he established Lanark Chemicals at Eccles, the suburb of Manchester, with a handful of employees.

Lanark grew until in 1968, when it became a public company, it had more than 800 employees. In 1977, when it was bought by Diamond Shamrock, an American company, it had 1,250.

Much of its activity was devoted to producing chemicals for the leather trade, and in 1966-67 Kroch was president of the Society of Leather Technologists. He also gave help to the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He was appointed CBE in 1973.

MR L. C. WILCHER

A correspondent writes: Lewis Wilcher, who died yesterday morning on July 16, succeeded John Fothill as Principal of the Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum in 1947, and guided the institution through its growth to become first the University College of Khartoum and later the University of Khartoum when Sudan attained independence.

He had a difficult task, for the Arabic-speaking northern Sudanese who formed the vast majority of the students were distinctly pro-Arab in their political sympathies, and many of them looked to Egypt rather than to Great Britain for intellectual guidance and inspiration. This Australian Rhodes Scholar made it plain that the college was quite distinct from the British authorities who were running the country, when there were student demonstrations, these were invariably directed against the Government, and never against the University Senate or staff.

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Estrangement transformed

The Soul of a Jew Music Hall

Sartre once defined anti-Semitism as a ready-made persona adopted by people with no identity of their own...

located in the psychological present and the room corresponds to Otto's idea of his own mind as a shattered house with frantic activity going on behind the locked doors.

From his anti-feminist obsession and the view of existence as a perpetual struggle, Otto could be a creation of Strindberg, who in fact arrives in person in the second act.

Irving Wardle



Pitilessly exact: Doron Tavari with Leora Rivlin

Television Pain made public

At the age of eight, Gaynor Fairbrother fell into a fire; her mother wanted to wipe the ashes from her cheeks and then she realized that they were a part of her daughter's face.

Peter Ackroyd

Hilary Finch meets Anthony Rolfe Johnson, who repeats his acclaimed Aschenbach, in Britten's Death in Venice, at the King's Theatre on Friday

The climax of an opera-singer's decade

The first week at Edinburgh ends with Scottish Opera's co-production with Le Grand Théâtre, Geneva, of Britten's last opera, Death in Venice.



Rolfe Johnson: evolving his own persona

sound in my ears. What I do, I do for him. But Rolfe Johnson found Aschenbach evolving into a persona that was to become very much his own.

capable of the sensual. That enters, as it always does, by the back door - and he's totally unprepared for the shock.

bach. I feel, relaxes in the warmth of Venice, becomes more expansive, then, when the fall comes, it's a hundred times more devastating.

Zemlinsky bill King's Theatre

Not the least of the things Schoenberg was right about was the stature of his teacher, brother-in-law and friend, Alexander Zemlinsky.

over an hour, but the underlying experience is one too close to Zemlinsky to be dismissed as historic. He was the dwarf, which is why it is regrettable that the Hamburg production should be reverting to the original Wilde title of The Birthday of the Infanta.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre in London

Agamemnon/A Phoenix Too Frequent St George's

The New Classical Theatre Company, devoted to Greek and Roman plays and their modern progeny, launches itself in London at the St George's Theatre after several tours of Greece.

at most and shedding members in rotation for other roles. Look effective in white make-up and robes; but the odes themselves, even in Raphael and McLeish's punchy simplified translation, need more colourful delivery and pace to hold interest.

Anthony Masters

New York City Ballet Covent Garden

If you believe that ballet ought to tell stories and that the stage designs are as important as the other elements, stay away from the New York City Ballet.

Dance

Because the music is by Mozart (K287, played with spirit and style by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet Orchestra under Robert Irving), the mood is light, relaxed, elegant, with plenty of feeling to enliven the formal dances for five women soloists, three men and eight other women.

the cool, poised Calegari against Bart Cook's authoritative reserve in the second, 'Facades'. The ballet's title is an allusion to its composer, Philip Glass, the thinking man's pop musician, and I found the live performance of his scores infinitely more persuasive than any recording in bringing out the invention, flair and fun of the music.

John Percival

Promenade Concert LPO/Tennstedt Albert Hall/Radio 3

Listening to Mahler's Sixth Symphony must be like experiencing one of those moments when death is imminently threatening and all life's experiences are supposed to flash before you in one dreadful instant.

earlier, happier life, although the mood of the onlooker is very different in each. On the one hand, the Andante moderato is all innocence, blooming into a sweetly sad resignation that here attained a Schubert-like quality, albeit more heavily sentimentalized, despite the slightly lumpy phrasing of the horns.

Stephen Pettitt

Three Choirs Festival RPO/Sanders Gloucester Cathedral

The sea is never very far from the ears of a British composer, and Paul Patterson is no exception. For his Gloucester Three Choirs Festival commission he composed not a sea symphony but a Mass of the Sea, which was given its first performance on Monday night by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Festival Chorus directed by the cathedral organist and festival conductor John Sanders.

matie structure is equally surely paced. Despite the strongly Brittenesque choral writing, with its fractured and overlapping rhythms, Mr Patterson lacks a similar ability to write in such a way that does not either oversimplistically underscore the words or prevent them from being heard at all.

Hilary Finch

Theatrical advertisement for 'DON GIOVANNI' at the Royal Festival Hall, featuring a portrait of a man and text about the production.

Muscat direct from Heathrow nine times a week. Large advertisement with a stylized bird logo.

Gulf Air advertisement with text in Arabic and English, and the Gulf Air logo.

W. H. & Hall's Praxtel Share



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The stock market was knocked back sharply yesterday. Traders had been nervously awaiting a downward reaction to the last 10 days of consistent strength...

These two factors helped to push the FT 30 index down 16.4 by the close to 724, which effectively wiped out the gains of the last 10 days.

The market may have exaggerated the effect of the investment trust liquidation, according to the London Investment Trust chairman Mr John Arthur who added that the portfolio was worth only around £12m.

That reaction triggered nervousness in other leading blue chips where falls of up to 15p were registered.

Investors are picking up suggestions that Debenhams will make bumper profits this year. October figures should be £13m above last year's £20.9m without American property deals.

Disappointed and profit-takers moved in, clipping the price 5p to 545p.

Defence shares, came in for heavy selling with sector leader Racal falling 12p to 477p.

Tax fears cancel gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 3. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

"We do not want to let the jobbers know what we are doing." The jobbers were also caught short by the easier opening of Wall Street when American investors began selling some of the British stock they have been so regularly buying.

The worst affected was Glaxo where the price was severely cut by 65p to 800p in an attempt to curb American sales. Dealers suggested that jobbers had been caught short on their arbitrage positions, expecting American demand to continue taking US holdings over the 30 per cent level, and could not handle the volume of sales that materialized.

ICI, which US investors hold more than 5 per cent of the equity was similarly struck with a loss of 18p at 522p, by the close.

Construction company Eise Cycle resisted the trend by rising 3p to 453p ahead of tomorrow's interim figures. Despite reporting slightly better-than-expected figures yesterday, Taylor Woodrow still acquire London Brick if it does not go ahead with its own bid for Instock-Johansen.

Video company Electronic Rentals held its 69p peak after some hefty purchases of the shares on Monday. Conglomerate BET - the old British Electric Tractor - has been a big buyer of the Electronic shares, Mr Nicholas Wills, managing director, confirmed.

Mr Wills said that BET, despite the massive increase in funding for its own video hire operation, would not be bidding for Electronic Rentals. But he said that BET was on the takeover trail, both in Britain and the United States, adding that he expected the video hire business to begin contributing substantial profit next year.

On the bid front, Pritchard Services dipped 8p to 138p following the profit figures and rights issue to finance the purchase of troubled clearing group Spring Group, down 2 1/2p. BFCC attracted demand at 110p, up 4p, as a substantial holding in John Waddington is expected to be announced today.

RECENT ISSUES: A list of recent stock issues including companies like Anglo Group, British Telecom, and others.

Table of recent issues with columns for company name, price, and other details.

Table of stock prices and company names under the heading 'T - Z'.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 724.0 down 16.4 FT 100 Index 79.67 down 0.15 FT All Shares 459.07 down 6.80

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5290 unchanged Index 85.7 down 0.1 DM 4.0250 down 0.0025 Yen 12.1150 up 0.0150

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 1/2 Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 9 1/2-9 1/4

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$425.75 pm \$426.40 close \$425.25-426 up \$0.75

TODAY

Interim: Bagnon Industries, Charterhouse Petroleum, Derek Crouch, International Thomson Organisation, London Brick, Novc Industri, Pearl Assurance, Queens Meat Houses, Rotork, Slough Estates, Tilley International.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Arlington Motor Holdings, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, EC2 (noon)

NOTEBOOK

De Beers disappointed the market yesterday by announcing unchanged interim profits of Rand 257m (£138m). Sales on the diamond account rose by almost a half to R158m, but earnings from associated companies were lower and the tax charge was higher.

We have nothing to fear, says Lonrho director Parkinson orders inquiry into share ownership at House of Fraser

The Government last night launched an investigation into whether House of Fraser shareholders have been making secret agreements between themselves on how to vote with their holdings.

Kuwaitis cut Lonrho holding

Gulf Fisheries (Overseas) one of the investment vehicles of Sheikh Nasser al Sabah of Kuwait, yesterday sold 2 million shares in Lonrho. It is believed that the new block went to one buyer at a price close to yesterday's 389p close.

Whitehall spending fear hits market

The Stock market fell back sharply yesterday, effectively wiping out all the gains registered over the last 10 days when several peaks were reached.

Maxwell to claim 45% acceptances

British Printing & Communication Corporation was light night believed to have won control of 45 per cent of John Waddington's shares at the first closing date of its £18m bid for the Mouoploy games company.

Share losses widen

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks slowly widened their losses in quiet trading yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial average was off about 3 points at 1,195. It was down about 6 points during the morning.

Murdoch raises stake in Reuters

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has further increased its indirect stake in Reuters, the booming but unquoted financial information service, which stockbrokers believe would be worth £1b on the Stock Exchange.

Call for parity with Continent BSC wants dock charges cut

The British Steel Corporation is urging the Government and port authorities to reduce UK port charges by 60 per cent to bring them into line with those enjoyed by overseas competitors.

City Editor's Comment

A chance to solve age old problems

An issue as important as pensions, which has far-reaching implications for the economy, for society and for the individual, should not be allowed to fall victim to vested interests.

Appreciating oil assets

The mammoth Deloitte's report on British Gas Corporation's efficiency published yesterday will keep the politicians happy for weeks with its trenchant views on gas prices.

Pritchard in agreed Spring Grove bid

Pritchard Services Group half-year to 3.7.83. Profit £4.8m (24m) Stated profit £3.32m (23m) Turnover £40.5m (£39.9m) Net profit £1.0m (0.9m) Shares price 138p down 8p. Yield 3.1%



Pritchard had planned rights issue

A copy of this document (certified by the acting Chairman and two members of the Executive Board as having been approved by resolution of the Executive Board) has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration.

BASF Rights Issue

With the consent of the Supervisory Board, the Executive Board of our company has decided to make use of the authority (authorised capital) permitted by the Articles of Association to increase the share capital by DM 115,000,000 to DM 2,171,482,200 by the issue of new bearer shares with full entitlement to dividends in respect of the year ending 31st December 1983.

- West Germany: Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Deutsche Bank Berlin Aktiengesellschaft, Bankhaus H. Aulhäuser, Baden-Württembergische Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Badische Kommunale Landesbank - Girozentrale, Bank für Handel und Industrie Aktiengesellschaft, Bayerische Hypotheken- und Wechsel-Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale, Bayerische Vereinsbank Aktiengesellschaft, Basler Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Berliner Handels- und Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Delbrück & Co., Deutsche Länderbank Aktiengesellschaft, DG Bank Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, Dresdner Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Hamburgische Landesbank - Girozentrale, Georg Heuck & Sohn Bankiers KGaA, Hessische Landesbank - Girozentrale, Landesbank Rheinland-Pfalz - Girozentrale, Landesbank Schleswig-Holstein - Girozentrale, Merck, Finck & Co., Metallbank GmbH, B. Metzler, Sohn & Co., Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Cie., Schröder, Münchmeyer, Hargst & Co., Triekauff & Burkhart, Vereins- und Westbank Aktiengesellschaft, M.M. Warburg-Brinckmann, Wirtz & Co., Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, Württembergische Kommunale Landesbank - Girozentrale, Commerz-Credit-Bank AG Europartner, Deutsche Bank Saar Aktiengesellschaft, Belgium: Kredietbank N.V., Brussels, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas Belgique, S.A., Brussels

For every 18 old shares of DM 50, shareholders may obtain one new share of DM 50 at a price of DM 135 free of stock exchange turnover tax. The subscription price is to be paid on application for the subscription, at the latest by 19th September 1983.

Ludwigshafen, August 23rd 1983 The Executive Board



Privatization - 2: Jeremy Warner on the dilemma facing hospitals

Companies who aim to clean up in the health service

When the share price of Bregreen, a small city-based office and street cleaning group, breached the £1m barrier for the first time, more than a few eyebrows were raised in surprise at the Stock Exchange nearby.

Bregreen has become one of the most highly rated shares in the market selling at a staggering 30 times likely 1983 earnings - the sort of valuation normally attached only to companies at the forefront of technology.

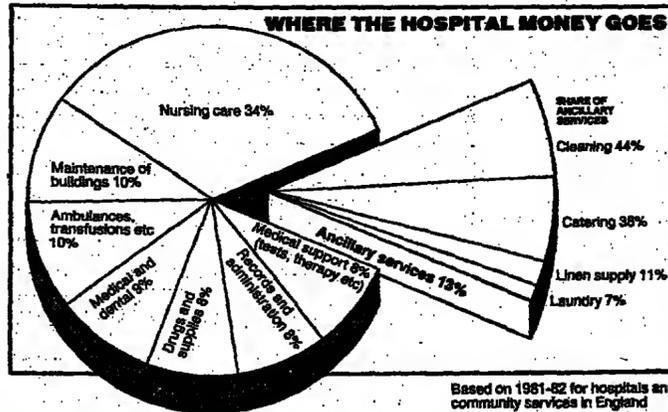
The secret ingredient is privatization. The National Health Service will this year spend nearly £3bn of its £15.5bn budget on ancillary services such as catering, laundry, cleaning, porters and maintenance.

If only a fifth of that sum were eventually to be contracted out to the private sector, it would roughly double the turnover of what is still a fairly small industry.

Add to this the cleaning work that local authorities are expected to put out to the private sector for schools, colleges, streets and refuse collection, and it is not difficult to see why the services industry is anticipating a bonanza over the next five years.

The popularity of the sector on the stock market was graphically illustrated yesterday when, after a shoal of rumours about the future of the Spring Grove group, best known for industrial towel supply, Pritchard Services launched an agreed share for share takeover bid worth £16.8m.

Spring Grove was the weak man of the industrial service bid after an ill-conceived



Based on 1981-82 for hospitals and community services in England

in the Commons that he would be asking hospitals to test the cost effectiveness of their ancillary services by putting them out to tender.

The private sector believes that it can undercut by a substantial margin the cost of in-house services while at the same time maintaining if not improving on quality. Mr David Evans, chairman of Bregreen, believes the health service could cut ancillary costs by up to 30 per cent by contracting out to the private sector.

If such claims are true, then the £150m the Government has chosen to lop off the health service budget pales into insignificance. This is the carrot the private sector is offering the Government in an attempt to get it to take a firmer lead on the contracting out issue.

Pilot schemes are being run by many regional health authorities to see what sort of savings can be achieved. Most of the big private companies which expect to obtain work from the Health Service, have been invited to tender for specific contracts as part of this, at present, largely academic exercise.

But there has also been a subtle shift in the way the Government has approached the contracting out issue since last February. There is a worry that to pay lip service to the Government's policy, reluctant health authorities would put out to tender only services where savings are most difficult or where the chances of the private sector doing an inadequate job are high.

The National Union of Public Employees has already collected evidence to show how services have deteriorated after being contracted out. So rather than just urging authorities to test the cost effectiveness of in-house work through the tender system, a more obvious financial squeeze is now being applied to the Health Service which will increasingly force authorities into contracting out as a method of savings.

However, for the privatization lobby, even this does not go far enough. The strong recommendation that the circular will contain to put contracts out to tender may still be quietly ignored by many districts either because they genuinely feel that contracting out does not give them the same quality control and discipline that in-house services do, or because they feel it is not worth the aggravation.

Hospital administrators regard their job as running a hospital, not waging what some see as a political battle with the unions.

Without legislation, the circular cannot make it compulsory for health authorities to put

POSSIBLE CONTENDERS FOR CONTRACTS

Table with 2 columns: Company Name, Market valuation. Includes Advance Services (£24m), Bregreen (£24m), Johnson Group (£23m), Pritchard (£23m), Skelton (£17m), Spring Grove (£16m), Sunlight Services (£20m), Total £99m.

*Before £25m Pritchard rights issue and agreed takeover of Spring Grove.

their contracts out to tender. Within Europe, this is a position unique to Britain. In every other EEC country, public authorities are obliged by law to put contracts out to tender.

If a significant number of contracts from each regional health authority do not go out to tender this autumn, the Government might be tempted to follow the legislative path. In April last year, the chairman of all the 14 regional health authorities were either changed or reappointed but the type of Thatcher placemen the cynical mind might expect to find in these positions as a consequence, simply did not appear.

Nor will the political colour of a particular area - a crucial determinant in the decision to contract out local authority or school and college cleaning work - have much of an effect on the reluctant or otherwise of health districts to dip into the privatization issue. Politicians only fill four out of sixteen seats on each district health authority board.

There have already been several examples of contracting out in the health service since last February's statement in the Commons. But the big contracts which have gone to the private sector since then have been for new hospitals so the problem of replacing the in-house workforce did not occur.

The North Warwickshire District Health Authority has awarded a contract to supply

The Wandsworth contracts have been nothing but trouble

laundry services to five public hospitals to Initial, the towels and workwear group. A contract to provide cleaning services for the Beckenham maternity hospital was awarded to a Danish-owned company called ISS Hospital Services but the existing in-house workforce involved only 17 people here.

It would be rash for the private sector to believe that

any more than 35 hospitals out of 1,860 in England and Wales alone, will go out to competitive tender this autumn. These will be regarded as test cases on which the private sector's claims will stand or fall.

Less than half of the health service contracts put out to tender will result in work for the private sector if the experience of tendering for local authority street cleaning or refuse collection work is anything to go by.

The competitive tender system is used by many local authorities as a big stick to beat down in-house costs and there is every reason to suppose the health service will use it in the same way.

Private sector companies achieve their lower costs by employing fewer people and by employing this generally un-unionized labour more efficiently by changing the old working practices. According to Bregreen's Mr David Evans, considerable savings are also achieved by using modern equipment.

He says: "You can clean 10,000 sq ft an hour with a scrubber-dryer. At best you get 1,000 ft an hour from a mop and bucket. The health service will never spend money on scrubber-dryers because when it comes to equipment purchases, its priorities lie elsewhere."

The private sector achieves, according to the unions, lower costs by cutting corners. There is, almost by definition, a wealth of anecdotal evidence to back up either view point but the case that has grabbed the headlines of late adds some credibility to the union standpoint. The street cleaning and gardening contracts in Wandsworth have been nothing but trouble for Pritchard.

It privately admits to wishing that it had never tendered for them. The damage in public relations has been enormous. Since the contracts were awarded in February last year, several financial penalties have been awarded against Pritchard by public inspectors and the whole messy business has culminated in a long and acrimonious labour dispute.

Pritchard, which through its Crothall offshoot carries out work for about 36 public hospitals in Britain, four out of five whose ancillary services are already contracted out, is in a prime position for winning further health service work and can realistically expect to get up to a half of all that is on offer.

It has considerable international experience in hospital management enabling it to offer a complete package of laundry catering and domestic services.

Other companies that hope to gain are Initial, Hawley Group through its Mediclean offshoot, Skelton, Spring Grove, John-

son Group, Sunlight Services Group, whose Pall Mall Cleaning subsidiary has won a £1m two-year contract to clean 104 schools in Cambridgeshire, as well as hotel and catering companies like Grand Metropolitan.

Most have in the last six months set up special medical services subsidiaries if they did not have them already.

But if the experience of Pritchard in Wandsworth is anything to go by, contracting out of National Health Service work could be a messy business in which the rewards in the early years are small.

Mr Andrew Melrose, an investment analyst with the stock broking firm Grieverson Grant, says: "The whole sector has become frothy. Share prices at these levels are anticipating substantial benefits from privatization. But I think it will be a much longer and more acrimonious process than people in the City generally appreciate."

About 50 per cent of the money spent by the health service on domestic catering and laundry services, goes on cleaning, 42 per cent of catering, and 8 per cent on laundry.

It will be a brave district administrator who becomes the first to award the cleaning or porterage contract for an existing big city hospital to anything other than the in-house tender.

And it requires a great deal of faith in the Government's will to privatize to believe that the private sector will indeed be sitting on £500m of extra work from the health service in a few years.

Tomorrow: hard lessons of all.

Financial notebook

Dollar build-up may lead to yet another burst bubble

Financial bubbles have long been a feature of investment markets in Britain and elsewhere. Periodically, market participants persuade themselves that a particular asset or investment activity presents unlimited prospects for financial gain, only to be faced with a savage reaction when it becomes apparent that market values have reached unsustainable levels.

The 1973-1975 secondary banking crisis in Britain (based on inflated property values), the gold boom of 1979-1980, the American experience with property investment trusts in the 1970s, and the more recent boom-to-bust syndrome in international lending are examples of excessive market enthusiasm giving rise to investment bubbles that eventually burst.

The behaviour of currency markets over the past two years suggests that another bubble is building up in the form of an overvalued American dollar. Since the end of 1980 the dollar has appreciated by one third against the average of other leading currencies, by 50 per cent against the Deutschmark and by more than 60 per cent against sterling.

The main explanation for this dramatic rise in the dollar's external value is the level of dollar interest rates which, after adjusting for inflation, have offered considerably higher "real" rates of return than those available on non-dollar denominated assets.

Furthermore, since the prime cause of high American interest rates is the soaring

budget deficit the market consensus is that tight credit conditions will continue to support a strong dollar for as long as the Administration and Congress remain deadlocked over budgetary policy.

According to this view the positive interest rate factor will outweigh any further deterioration in the American trade position resulting from the dollar's appreciation.

There are, however, two objections to this assessment of the dollar's prospects. First as is now becoming apparent, the outlook for American interest rates is much less certain than many supposed.

After adjusting for inflation American long-term bond yields are higher than they were a year ago and it would be surprising indeed if these penal borrowing costs did not quickly choke off private sector credit demands, thereby slowing the American recovery when European economies are showing signs of revival.

However, it seems probable that the serious damage now being inflicted visibly on American industry by the Administration's absorption of private savings will generate internal political pressures for corrective action after next year's presidential election, if not before.

The second reason for questioning the dollar's strong status is the scale of the present balance of payments adjustment. While the outlook for American interest rates is far from clear, the prospect of a continuing and unpre-

dicted erosion of the country's international trade position is certain.

Careful estimates indicate that the dollar's appreciation over the past two and a half years will eventually result in a worsening of the annual trade balance to the extent of \$40bn to \$50bn (£26.4bn to £33.1bn) implying chronic current account deficits of this order and, indeed, more.

This means that if the dollar's value is to be sustained, America will have to attract even larger net capital inflows to offset the widening shortfall on current account.

More likely is an abrupt reversal of the dollar's recent performance as the dominant concern of investors shifts from hopes of high interest rates to trade developments and the external financing "gap".

Previous experience suggests that the market adjustment, when it comes, will be precipitous rather than gradual, posing particular dangers for an Administration that has favoured large-scale official intervention as an instrument of stabilization.

In particular, American inflation could be boosted by several percentage points if the dollar were permitted to find its own level in a badly shaken foreign exchange market.

Dr Richard Dale

The author is an economist and barrister and co-author of Managing Global Debt, to be published by the Brookings Institution next month.

Recommendation to put work out to tender may be quietly ignored

acquisition went wrong. But in a popular sector, where other mergers have been stymied by the Monopolies Commission, Pritchard was able to back up its takeover with a rights issue to its own shareholders calling for £23.4m in new capital for expansion of the combined group and justified its confidence with results for the half-year to July 3 showing a 20 per cent rise in pretax profits from £4m to £4.8m.

The share prices of anything to do with cleaning or laundry have, as a consequence, been riding the crest of a wave over the past 12 months. The sector as a whole has outperformed the rest of the market by more than 15 per cent. Within it, Bregreen, which has already managed to win around a half of the local authority refuse collection and street cleaning contracts, has been outstanding, outperforming the market by 67 per cent.

This has been followed by Initial, whose share price has done 31 per cent better than the market. Pritchard Services Group, whose image has been considerably damaged over the last month by the adverse publicity surrounding its London Borough of Wandsworth street cleaning and gardening contract, has still managed to stay 16 per cent ahead of the market.

The Department of Health and Social Security plans to issue a circular next month telling health authorities how to obtain tenders from the private sector and to compare them with in-house tenders.

The circular was to have gone out before the Parliamentary recess but was delayed. It will be the culmination of a process which began last February when Mr Norman Fowler, the then Social Services Secretary, said

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Mr John Devaney (above) has been appointed managing director of Perkins Engines.

Johnstone has become managing director.

J. L. Catering: Mr D. C. Johnson, special projects director of Lyons Bakery, will be managing director of J. L. Catering a week tomorrow.

Car Care Plan (Securities Division): Mr Alan Clarke has been appointed to the new position of commercial vehicle sales director.

Standard Chartered BANK PLC

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The master of relaxed presentation, with a nervous tie-twitching habit

Brough - the good bloke who communicates racing's joy

No matter how often you go to the races, you can never quite shake off the feeling that you do not really belong there. You are an intruder, a tourist gawping at the sacred rites of a curious ethnic minority, a priestly sect whose distinguishing mark is the brown hat and the binoculars hung like a Christmas tree with countless dozens of entry badges, badges which proclaim the fact that they know you, the mere punter, are guessing.

There is a secret society thing about golf, too. Only people who play are truly involved in the sport, but you only have to play a round of golf in order to become involved. With racing, there is a tiny number of people actually doing it. The rest are always outsiders, to that extent. But to treat them as irrelevant is wrong and, quite apart from anything else, it is insane economically. Racing needs people desperately, and so racing simply must involve people.



The rider: a winner 100 times

Scott is rather good at that. He always manages to appear on screen as a decent chap whose delight in racing is easy to understand and therefore to share. He looks like someone who is at the races, not because he is working, but because he likes it, who happens to be telling us about the sport because he is an amiable and chatty fellow. He manages to exude no sense of privilege. He doesn't even wear a hat. His bantering on-air relationship with his colleagues, John Oaksey and John McCrick, confirms the overall impression: that racing's delights are, indeed, shareable.

The presenter: a man of the people

BASKETBALL

Lloyd in the eye of the storm

From Robert Pryce Hamilton

England.....88
Canada.....86

Sweaty, but unruffled in the ferment around him, Dan Lloyd sunk four successive free throws in the last 30 seconds of overtime to clinch England's first win over Canada yesterday.

Wimbledon gets brickbats and bouquets

Looking at ways to end abuses and bad practices

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Tennis players are permitted a maximum interval of 30 seconds between the end of a rally and the next service. During changeovers, the interval can be 90 seconds. Both concessions are abused, with the tacit connivance of court officials, and both interrupt the continuity of play. The average of reducing to 30 seconds to 20 will be among the items discussed by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, the governing body of the grand prix circuit, when they meet in New York today.

On the other hand the World Tennis team found Wimbledon a "proud" and "splendid" atmosphere, a symbol of decorum for "ladies and gentlemen", and a festival that ran like clockwork, had a "captivating aura", and was the "showcase" of world tennis, but it provided the toughest - and the better - challenge than any other because of the need to adjust quickly in the middle of a stroke. Given a few weeks of preparation and a fine day, a dry grass court is conducive to good tennis.

Wimbledon is the ultimate championship because it is the most difficult to win. English weather, as well as the normal deterioration of grass courts, causes the turf to play differently every day. We should be more in touch with the wild days, and revive some of the greenery. A modest increase in grass tournaments would be fitting and enjoyable.

TENNIS

First win for Miss Hu

New Jersey (Reuters) - Hu Na, the Chinese tennis star who received political asylum in the United States after fleeing her native country in the first round of a women's tournament here on Monday.

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Regular interruptions in the flow of play are the second most common cause of subject raised in Wimbledon correspondence. The first, as usual, was the assertion that the dominance of service made Wimbledon tennis less interesting than it should be. There was nothing new in the remedies suggested: making the server stand further back, on a new line drawn for that purpose, or restricting him to one-serve or existing that the net must bounce before he plays it again; or moving the service line nearer the net or raising the height of the net.

Financial data table with columns for various categories like 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds', 'Insurance Bonds and Funds', and 'Warranties'. It contains numerous rows of numerical data and company names.

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AMERICA'S CUP: CONTROVERSY DEEPENS BEFORE FINAL TRIALS

Victory may take to water without the fins that are rocking US boat

By Barry Pickthall

Peter de Savary, head of the British Victory syndicate, has been undecided about Victory's 83 racing in the final elimination trials which start on Sunday with the controversial fins that were added to the bottom of her keel for her last semi-final against Australia 11 on Monday.

The experiment was not a total success. The British 12 metre, which had shown in previous encounters that she could match the Australian "superboat", trailed from start to finish and lost by 1 minute 26 seconds. At a press conference in Newport, Rhode Island after Australia's 44th win in 49 races, Mr de Savary said that Mark Vinbury, an American of the supposed by impartial three man international measurement committee, for his breach of confidentiality in reporting the addition of these fins to the United States Yacht Racing Union immediately after inspecting Ian Howlett design at 7.30 on Monday morning when he agreed that these additions did not affect the yacht's flotation or her rated draught and that her original certificate of measurement could remain unchanged.

Had Vinbury voiced any doubts or objections to these attachments to the base of Victory's keel? Mr de Savary said: "The fins would have been removed immediately before the yacht raced." With no such doubts expressed, the boat left the dock at 9.30 am for the racecourse and her match against Australia.

Shortly afterwards a letter was delivered by Mr Vinbury along with a copy of a letter that he had written to the USYRU immediately after leaving the Victory dock. It said the addition of fins to Victory's keel constituted a peculiarity under the 12-metre rules and rendered the yacht's racing certificate incomplete and thus invalid.

Mr de Savary said that Mr Howlett was being developing the fins since January, 1982, first in wind tunnel and tank tests at Southampton and later on Australia. Victory's trial horse, bought from Alan Bond after her defeat by the Americans in the 1980 Cup series.

Victory '83 was designed to allow fins and when she was measured before shipment to America this was brought to the attention of the measurers, who made no adverse comment. And at the pre-trial measurement in June the International Measurement Committee, which included Mr Howlett, agreed with Mr Howlett that the addition of wings would not affect Victory's rating.

Mr de Savary said his syndicate considered Victory '83 a 12-metre yacht with or without fins and that the USYRU had no authority to issue instructions to them. He resented such pressure and considered the judgment of the International Union final.

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All Black tour of Britain in autumn

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

New Zealand, who toured in Britain over three successive seasons between 1978 and 1980, return again this autumn. Details of their itinerary, which replaces a scheduled visit to Argentina, have yet to be finalised, but the All Blacks will play five test games, two of them internationals, in England and Scotland.

They will come as 4-0 winners of the international series against the British Lions this summer and as holders of the Bledisloe Cup, which they retained, who are co-hosts in Sydney last Saturday. They are due to arrive on October 20, five days after the end of Canada's visit to England, and it is reasonable to assume that the internationals would be played on November 12 and 19.

When New Zealand made their last major tour to Britain, in 1978, they won all four internationals. In 1979, they beat England and Scotland and in 1980 they beat Wales during the Welsh centenary season. It seems a pity that, on this occasion, no fixture can be arranged which would allow the two sides of the international championship and had such a strong presence with the Lions in New Zealand. In addition, Willie John McBride, manager of the Lions, who is also Ireland's coach this coming season and would doubtless have been delighted to renew acquaintance with the summer's opponents.

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Great Britain's decline in international Rugby League at professional and amateur level is viewed so seriously that great emphasis is being placed on the training, Keith Mackellar writes. The professional squad preparing for next summer's tour of Australasia originally contained the names of many attractive players. The huge public relations effort, David Hughes says, this list will soon be trimmed and players who have failed to report for regular training, or are not performing well for their clubs, will be dropped from the list.

One such player is Steve Evans, the Hull back, who has been dropped from the squad for failing to attend training because of holiday. Rugby Union: The Harlequins/Lord's Taverners seven-a-side tournament is being held at the Stoop Memorial Ground on September 2. David Hands writes: Blackheath, the holders, have been drawn in a difficult pool with Cardiff, Old Belvedere, and a Lord's Taverners VII side (including last year's Cardiff University captain and former Australian international, Phil Crowe, and several Welsh internationals. The other pool has the Harlequins, Harlequin's FC, Waterloo, and Mont-de-Marsan.

Paul Ackford, who captained Rosslyn Park last season, has joined the Metropolitan Police. Toby Altrincham takes over as captain of Park.

SQUASH RACKETEERS: Barbara Diggins will captain and manage England's team in the women's world championship at Perth, Australia, in October. The best country are holders of the world title. Two juniors will travel to play in the inaugural world junior championships. BADMINIKO: Merton Frost (Edinburgh), Luan Jin (China), Leim Sui King and Leuk Sugiarto (Indonesia) are among the 12 top-ranked players in the finals of the boys' world cup in Sukarno from December 14 to 18.

FOR THE RECORD BASEBALL: AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland Indians 3; California Angels 7, Oakland Athletics 3; Minnesota Twins 3, Seattle Mariners 2; Oakland Athletics 3, New York Yankees 2. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 2, Cincinnati Reds 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2; St. Louis Cardinals 6, San Francisco Giants 11; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 2.

HOCKEY: AUSTRALIA: New South Wales 5, Victoria 2. TENNIS: CHARLESTON: American midgets J McInnis 61, S Vitas 6/3; 4-6, 3-6. VICTORIA: J McInnis 61, S Vitas 6/3; 4-6, 3-6. VICTORIA: J McInnis 61, S Vitas 6/3; 4-6, 3-6.

Chance to rescue a princely reputation

By John Kartier

When Sandhurst Prince cruised to victory in the Waterford Crystal Mile woodcock race last season, he looked every inch a champion at that distance. His third place behind Green Forest and The Wooder in the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp must therefore have disappointed French colts were themselves giants to the milling sphere.

Sandhurst Prince's only subsequent run last year was an obviously below-par effort behind the 50-1 winner, Buzzard's Bay in the mud at Ascot in September. Since then, Sandhurst Prince has been kept in good shape at Puffborough with good reason. He has been an extremely quick horse as a result of a liver infection. But Guy Harwood, his trainer, said yesterday that his handsome four-year-old was fighting to gain and believed that Sandhurst Prince is ready to put the shine back on his tarnished reputation in this year's running of the Waterford Crystal on Saturday.

Certainly Sandhurst Prince will need to be at his very best to take the 148 lb weight which two opponents include Naochochic, who bated the hard ground when unplaced in France recently, but who had previously cracked the best mile in the country in the 1982 Stakes over the same course and distance as the Waterford Crystal race. It is also likely that a certain Gorytus (never heard of him, you may cry) will be an amazing once more to justify his "wonder horse" tag after his critics eat at least a few

of their words when fourth to perfect to the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York.

Adonijah, Henry Cecil's progressive three-year-old, a horse his trainer regrets omitting from the Benson and Hedges, is another probable opponent for Sandhurst Prince.

Talk of top-class milers leads on to Horage, who let his supporters down with a resounding thump when finishing out feebly behind Salieri at Newbury earlier this month. Indeed, Horage, who put up such a tigerish performance to win at Royal Ascot in June, ran so badly at Newbury that it seemed he might have been ailing. Matt McCormack, his trainer, said yesterday, however, that the only thing that had been bothering Horage was the left-hand turn at Newbury, and the fact that his colt had been racing on the wrong leg. McCormack added that Horage would go to France for the Prix du Moulin in a couple of weeks.

McCormack's mind will be on more mundane matters today when he sends a team to Bath for prizes that would barely keep the average French trainer in escargots for a week. The spirited Irishman's main chance appears to lie with the two-year-old filly, Niekla, in the Tog Mill Maiden Stakes. Niekla ran promisingly in her first and only race behind Naval at Windsor, and McCormack is more than hopeful that she will beat the almost certain favourite, Ascot Suzik.

Bath Draw advantage: Low numbers best.

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2.5 TOLL GAVEL HANDICAP (selling; £725; 1m) (10 runners)

2.5 BEVERLY SILVER SWORD HANDICAP (2-Y-O; £2,851; 7f) (11)

Deauville sale sets French record

From Desmond Stoveham, Deauville.

The Deauville Select Yearling Sale which drew to a close in the small hours of Tuesday morning set new records for a French sale. As is the vogue these days, the previous year's aggregate, average and individual record prices were comfortably exceeded. This was largely due to the combined influence of strong overseas buyers and a weak Franc.

At 4.6m francs (£400,000) the Arctic Tern filly, Actress, as reported yesterday, scooped the pool. She was bought by the British Bloodstock Agency on Sunday night for the Greek shipping magnate, Stavros Niarchos.

On Monday, it was the turn of Robert Sangster to dominate the proceedings. His agent, Pat Hogan, laid the two top prices of the night, 2.9m francs for Sharpen Up filly out of Rivermeade, and the other for a Pistikelly filly out of La Paquelin who fetched 2.7m.

Both fillies will join Actress in training at Chantilly. The record-breaker goes to Francois Bouth while the Sangster purchases are to be trained by Olivier Doueh.

A total of 108 lots were sold over the two days for 83,345,000 francs (about £7.25m). This was nearly a 55 per cent increase on the previous year. The sales average of 773,056 francs (£67,000) was up by some 43 per cent on 1982, which must have delighted the organizers, the Agence Francaise de Vente du Pur Sang.

Frank Dunne, the Dublin trainer, denied rumours yesterday that all was not well with his mare Stannera. Christopher Gosling writes: "She is very well and will run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Her warm-up race will probably be the Joe McGrath Memorial Stakes at Leopardstown." Dunne said: "After the Arc Stannera has an ambitious racing programme in America and then she will be retired to the paddocks."

accelerated smoothly to win without being extended by four lengths from Amal Lees Hope, who was half a length ahead of Shary Remark. "I was a nice introduction, for he was not quite ready yet for a hard race," his trainer Henry Cecil said.

David Oughton, the Findon trainer, ended his first triple, at odds of 9/2 with Tompoun, Transient and Bold Dealer at Fostwell Park yesterday.

El Hakim impresses An armchair ride on El Hakim in the Fee Farms Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday gave Lester Piggott his ninety-ninth winner this season. The 2-year-old colt, who cost \$475,000 colt, at the prohibitive odds of 5/2 on his debut, looked very inexperienced, but outclassed his 10 rivals.

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Palace coup by Cram?

By John Kartier

Steve Cram may threaten Steve Ovett's world two mile record when he runs for England in the international bank holiday meeting at Crystal Palace on August 29.

Cram, insists that he is not interested in record breaking but he could be pushed close to his rival's record - set on the same track in 1978 - in the match against Norway, Hungary and Scotland.

A record may depend on whether Cram, the world champion at 1,500 metres, suffers any adverse effects from an Achilles tendon injury.

Ovett will continue to keep a low profile. He will be competing only as a member of the 4 x 400 metres relay squad as he prepares himself for a possible attempt to break either his own 1,500 metres world record or Sebastian Coe's mile world record.

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Law Report
August 23, 1983
Court of Appeal

Judge had no power to jail respondent

Lamb v Lamb
Before Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Kerr.
Judgment delivered August 18

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mr Brian John Lamb, a respondent in divorce proceedings, against an order, sentencing him to three months imprisonment for contempt of court, which had been made on August 1, by His Honour Judge Alan De Piro in the Warwick County Court, on the ground that the judge, having previously on July 27, 1983, made an ex parte order committing him to prison for 14 days for the same offence, had no power to make such an order, since it was in effect sentencing him twice for the same offence. The Court ordered Mr Lamb's immediate release.

Mr Brian Healy, for Mr Lamb, (the appellant) Mr Andrew McFarlane, for Mrs Lynn Christine Lamb, the petitioner in the divorce proceedings.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that Mr Lamb's appeal in divorce proceedings appealed against orders made by His Honour Judge Alan De Piro in Coventry and Warwick County Courts on July 27 and August 1, 1983, respectively, which ordered his committal to prison for 14 days, on the first occasion, and for three months on the second, for contempt of court. The petitioner, Mrs Lynn Christine Lamb, had applied for an order restraining him from the matrimonial home, and for certain injunctions, and on July 25, 1983, the judge had made orders restraining Mr Lamb from molesting her, ordering him to vacate the matrimonial home, and restraining him from selling, destroying or otherwise disposing of certain property.

The effect of the orders and the contempt proceedings were explained to the respondent, and he did vacate the property. When the petitioner returned she found that certain items had been removed and others damaged, and that damage had been done to the structure of the house, and she therefore applied for a committal order.

On July 27 the judge made the first of the two orders complained of, ex parte, having dispensed with service of notice on the respondent. Pursuant to that order, the respondent was arrested and was sent to prison, but he was, on the judge's instructions, brought before him on August 1, and counsel was assigned to him. After hearing evidence from the respondent, the judge decided to increase the sentence to one of three months' imprisonment.

Mr Healy contended that the judge was wrong in the course that he took of hearing the matter ex parte, and in dispensing with service of notice under Order 29 r. 1 (4) of the County Court Rules.

But while seeing the dangers involved in making a committal order ex parte and while agreeing that such an order should only be made in exceptional circumstances, His Lordship considered that if the evidence was to be believed - and there was no reason not to believe it - the judge was faced with a flagrant and deliberate breach of the court's orders, and his Lordship was not prepared to say that the judge was wrong in making the ex parte order. His Lordship then proceeded to reject two other grounds on which the making of the first committal order, and accordingly the appeal as to that order failed.

But the making of the second order was an entirely different matter. It was not suggested that there was any very different or further evidence available, the only additional evidence being some photographs of the damage which had been done. There was no evidence of any further acts on the part of the respondent; the respondent had indeed been in prison.

His Lordship had referred to the case of *Cherch v Trustee v Hiltner* (1902) 3 Ch. 784, which was a clear authority, if such were needed, that it is clearly wrong for a man to be sentenced twice for the same offence. The judge, having heard the respondent's evidence, had no doubt thought that he ought to impose a stiffer sentence, but he clearly had no power to do so. The order which he made on August 1 was quite wrong and was a nullity. In those circumstances, the appeal against that order must be allowed, the order discharged, and the respondent must be released forthwith from prison.

LORD JUSTICE KERR delivered a short concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Cecil Angel & Co, Coventry; Brindley, Twist, Taft & James, Coventry.

Cleared pickets convicted off obstruction

From Our Correspondent Huddersfield
Nine months after being cleared of obstructing the entrance to a hospital six pickets returned to the same court yesterday to be convicted.

In November, Calder magistrates at Halifax found the pickets, three men and three women, not guilty of causing an obstruction outside the Halifax General Hospital during the health service week of action last August.

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Mr Paul Parker, for the prosecution, said that vans driven by health authority executives were prevented from entering by the six pickets, who blocked the entrance.

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